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Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

March 9th 1848.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for settlement, your Refinery Expense $\$$ for the month of February, 1848.

Voucher #4 of your Ordinary $\$$ is herewith returned, that the bill and vouchers may be approved by the Superintendent.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint
 Philadelphia.

March 9th 1848.

Sir:

I return herewith, the statement of Silver bullion purchases at your mint during the month of February ult^o, in order that the dates of said purchases may be inserted.

Please correct and return at your early convenience.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint. U. S.
 Philadelphia.

March 9th 1848.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 8th inst. transmitting Statements of Melters & Refiners Bullion Operations during the month of February, 1848.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint
 Philadelphia.

March 7th. 1878.

Sir:

By today's mail I send you the blank statements of the Bullion Operations in the Minter & Refiner's Dept. called for in your letter of yesterday.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint
 Phila.

March 7th. 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 8th inst., transmitting classified statements of deposits and purchases at your Mint during the month of February 1878.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. &c.
 Carson. Nev.

March 7th. 1878.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you yesterday is hereby made official, viz:

"New regulations abrogate all authority to purchase silver heretofore sent you except silver contained in gold deposits."

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Henry C. Robinson, Esq.

March 9th, 1878.

Box, 1955, New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th inst. requesting certain information relative to the weight and fineness of United States Coins, &c.

I transmit you by current mail copies of my official reports for 1873-5-6-7. The report for 1876 furnishes the information requested respecting United States coins, and the other reports contain the coinage laws of various nations.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Pope, Cole & Co.

March 9th, 1878.

57 S. Bay Street, Baltimore.

At what price will you sell copper same quality as heretofore supplied us.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mining.

Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co.

March 9th, 1878.

57 S. Bay St. Baltimore.

Gentlemen:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "At what price will you sell copper same quantity as heretofore supplied us."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. August Belmont & Co.

March 9th, 1878.

New York City.

The proposition contained in your letter of yesterday, is accepted.

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Meems August Belmont & Co.

N. Y.

March 9th. 1878.

Gentlemen:

The official telegram sent you today is hereby made Official, viz: "The proposition contained in your letter of yesterday is accepted."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Nevada Bank

San Francisco.

March 9th. 1878.

Please state price at which you will sell one million of ounces of fine silver or any part thereof one half deliverable at San Francisco Mint, and the other half at Philadelphia Mint, State price for each place of delivery. Answer promptly.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Louis McLane, Esq.

Pres't Nevada Bank

San Francisco.

March 9th. 1878.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made Official, viz: "Please state price at which you will sell one million of ounces of fine silver or any part thereof, one half deliverable at San Francisco Mint, and the other half at Philadelphia Mint. State price for each place of delivery, answer promptly."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegrams.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

March 9th 1878.

able proposition accepted. please arrange
 accordingly.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 9th 1878.

Supt. Assay Office
 New York.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby
 made official, viz: "able proposition accepted please
 arrange accordingly."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

March 9th 1878.1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment, the
 Refinery Expense of the Supt. of the Philadelphia
 Mint for the month of February 1878; also, the
 Ordinary Expense of the Assayer in charge
 of the Denver Mint for the same period.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegrams. Pope, Cole & Co.

March 9th 1878.

Baltimore.

We will take thirty tons at price stated, will
 send directions as to shipment by Monday's mail.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. Silver, Esq.March 9th. 1898.Assayer in Charge
Mint, Denver.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense $\$$ for the month of February 1898.

Warrant "12 is herewith returned for the signature of the Officer in Charge.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Hon. J. M. LochrellMarch 9th. 1898.

U. S. Senate.

Sir:

Your note of the 8th inst. enclosing \$1.00 in currency, has been received.

A silver dollar of the first issue will be sent you the latter part of the coming week.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Sup't. Mint,March 11th. 1898.San Francisco.

Ten pairs of dies for the new silver dollar will be sent you on the nineteenth instant.

H. R. Linderman, Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.March 11th. 1898.

Sup't. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today, is hereby confirmed:
"Ten pairs of dies for the new silver dollar will be sent you on the nineteenth instant."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint
Carson.

March 11th 1898.

Ten pairs of dies for new silver dollar will be sent you next Monday.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

March 11th 1898.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you to day is hereby confirmed: "Ten pairs of dies for new silver dollar will be sent you next Monday."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

March 11th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for \$977.49 on account of Parting and Refining Bullion, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

March 11th 1898.

Philadelphia.

Send by express today two hundred silver dollars in addition to one hundred heretofore ordered.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

March 11th 1898.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase on the 7th instant of Messrs. August Belmont & Co. New York, of 440,000 ozs. fine silver for delivery at your Mint, which you will receive and pay for, at the rate of one hundred and twenty and one half cents (120½), per ounce fine, in gold coin, by draft on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. New York.

Approximate value to be paid on delivery and the balance after meet and array.

This silver will be delivered in 15 or 20 days free of all charges to the Mint.

Your Bullion Fund will be further increased by a transfer of gold coin, and the amount placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. Mint,
 Philad^a.

March 11th 1898.

Sir:

I was much gratified to learn by your telegram of this date that you expect to receive a delivery of new silver dollars on Wednesday morning, and that dies and collars would be forwarded to the Western Mints on Monday and Tuesday next, and hope that no accident may occur to prevent the same.

I had intended coming over today to spend one or two days with you for conference on various points, but find that I will have to be here tomorrow in connection with silver purchases, but will get over

in a day or two.

As soon as you commence striking the coin, and you find the dies to work satisfactorily, I will be glad if you will advise me of the fact by telegraph.

I hope to be able to call upon you sometime during the present week.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 11th. 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Phil^a.

Sir:

Whilst it is the intention of the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer the silver dollars as coined to the several Sub-Treasuries, he informs me that there will be no objection to your exchanging them in small sums at par over the counter for gold coin. Adams Express Co. have made application to this Office for one thousand silver dollars in exchange for that sum in gold; - you may oblige them to that extent.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 11th. 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Phil^a.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 9th inst. transmitting Coiner's Weekly report of coinage executed for the week ended March 9th. 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockMarch 11th. 1848.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philad^a.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find draft for \$100. in gold coin on Assistant Treasurer U. S. Philadelphia, for which please return to this Office by Express, one hundred new silver dollars as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Send the above immediately on the first delivery being made. They are for the Secretary and other Officers of the Government. Send also the certified pieces as heretofore instructed. H. R. L.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.March 11th. 1848.Philad^a

When do you expect to commence striking silver dollars, and when will dies for Western Mints be ready for shipment. Answer.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockMarch 11th. 1848.

Supt. ex

Phila.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made official viz:

"When do you expect to commence striking silver dollars, and when will dies for Western Mints be ready for shipment. Answer."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram, Nevada Bank,
San Francisco.

March 11th. 1898.

Your offer declined. the price too high.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Louis McLane, Esq.
Pres^t Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

March 11th. 1898.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 9th instant, in the following words viz: "In reply to your despatch - this date, we offer you one million ounces fine silver deliverable one half here at one hundred and twenty-two forty-five hundredths ($122\frac{45}{100}$), cents gold per ounce fine, and one half at Philadelphia at one hundred and twenty-four and a quarter ($124\frac{1}{4}$), cents gold, all payable in New York approximate amount to be paid on delivery, balance on assay, - this offer to be treated as an entirety." - To which I have replied as follows: "Your offer declined, the price too high."

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
Director

Silver today in London being $54\frac{1}{8}$ - $54\frac{1}{4}$, we thought your price too high to justify purchase. We hope you will see your way clear to make some concession as to price. H. R. L.

J. C. Acton, Esq.

March 11th. 1898.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, N. Y.

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary & Refinery Expense A/c for the month of February, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.March 11th 1878.

Subt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 9th inst. transmitting a Statement of bullion operated upon by the Melter and Refiner during the month of February, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Julius Austrian, Esq.March 11th 1878.

81 Jackson St.

Saint Paul, Minn.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 7th inst. relative to sending silver bullion to the Mint to be coined into Trade Dollars.

The Mints are not at present coining trade dollars, nor receiving deposits for returns in the same. If you forward your silver to the Mint at Philadelphia, it will be purchased at the market rate less $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per ounce fine, payable in U. S. gold coin.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Telegram.

August Belmont & Co.March 11th 1878.

New York.

We will accept it.

H. R. Lindermann

Director Mint.

Meers. August Belmont & Co.
New York.

March 11th 1898.

Gentlemen:

The following dispatch sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "We will accept it."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

P. S. Please advise us of your action.

H. R. L.

M. J. Bongano, Esq.
Assayer, U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

March 11th 1898.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$635.⁸⁰ from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries - - - 1898 \$ 389.⁵⁰

Wages of Workmen - - - " 248.³⁰

Very respectfully

Director.

M. J. Bongano, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

March 11th 1898.

Sir:

Your Ordinary Expense $\checkmark$ for the month of February, 1898, has been received at this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

S. W. Hall, Esq.March 17th 1898.

North Easton, Mass.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, asking whether any nickel cents with an eagle were coined in 1856, has been referred to this Office.

Prior to the passage of the bill authorizing the coinage of the copper nickel cent, a number of pieces bearing the date 1856 were struck, for examination by Members of Congress and others, and no doubt afterwards found their way into circulation.

Very respectfully

H. P. Linderman

Director.

Capt. J. M. MarshallMarch 17th 1898.

Asst. Dir. Master, U. S. A.

Baltimore Md.

Sir:

I have this day requested Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co. of Baltimore, to deliver to you twenty tons ingot copper for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, and ten tons to the Mint at Carson, Nev.

I have to request that you will forward the same in accordance with General Order #66 Head Quarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, July 24th 1896, and have the bills for freight transmitted as therein indicated.

Very respectfully

H. P. Linderman

Director.

H. S. Gravers Esq.

March 11th 1898.

Baltimore, Md.

P.O. Box #453

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 9th inst. enclosing duplicate receipt of Adams Express Co. for 916 Mexican dollars shipped the Mint at Philadelphia for sale as bullion, and enquiring when you can expect returns for the same.

In reply I have to state that you should have the value of the silver returned to you in gold coin by the 13th or 14th inst.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. August Belmont & Co.

March 11th 1898.

New York.

Gentlemen:

I have instructed the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia to receive and make payment for 440,000 ounces of fine silver purchased of you on the 9th inst. in gold coin at 120 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per oz. fine, by draft on the Assistant Treasurer, New York.

The approximate value of the silver will be paid on delivery, and the balance after melt and assay, which will be made without delay.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co.March 11th. 1898.

37 S. Bay St.

Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

You will please prepare for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, twenty (20) tons ingot copper, and for the Mint at Carson ten (10) tons, and deliver the same to Capt. J. M. Marshall Asst. Quarter Master, U. S. A. in your City, who has been requested to ship the same.

It is understood that the price to be paid for this copper is 17 $\frac{1}{8}$ cents per pound.

You will render your accounts in duplicate to this Office for settlement.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Parker Handy,March 11th. 1898.

24 Nassau St.

New York City.

No - you mistake the nature of the matter.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Parker Handy, Esq.March 11th. 1898.

24 Nassau St. N. Y.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby confirmed, viz:

"No - you mistake the nature of the matter."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co.March 11th 1848.

Baltimore.

Gentlemen:

The following despatch sent you on the 9th inst. is hereby made official, viz: "We will take thirty tons at prices stated, will send directions as to shipment by Monday's mail".

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindeman

Director.

Messrs. Nathan Trotter & Co.March 11th 1848.

Philadelphia. Pa.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 9th inst. offering to furnish the best Schuylkill Zinc @ 8 1/2 cts. per pound, I have to say that when Zinc is required for the Mints, that it will afford me pleasure to communicate with you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindeman

Director.

Hon. Alexander H. Stephens.

Chairman House Com. on Coinage &c.

Sir:

As it is necessary for me to close up the specimen coin account with the Philadelphia Mint, I have to request that the small plate of "Goloid" metal, which Dr. Hubbell holds for your Committee, be returned to this office.

I do not know Dr. Hubbell's address, and therefore make this request through you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindeman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

March 12th 1898.

Sir:

I have to request that as soon as it is ascertained that the dies for the silver dollar work satisfactorily, and that the resulting coin are equally so, you will cause to be prepared and transmitted to this Office, any special instructions which may be necessary to enable the Coiners of the two Western Mints to prepare their dies in a similar manner to the mode adopted at your Mint.

I refer especially to the basining of the dies, giving the radius for each die. You will also cause careful measurement to be made of the height of a pile of twenty pieces, and communicate the same to this Office.

It is desirable that there should be as great a uniformity as it is possible to secure in the dollars manufactured at all the Mints.

Very Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philadel^a.

March 12th 1898.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase this day of Messrs. August Belmont & Co. New York of 440,000 ounces fine silver for delivery at your Mint, which you will please receive and make payment for at the rate of 120³/₄ cents per ounce fine in gold coin, by draft on Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, Approximate value to be paid on delivery, and the balance after melt and assay.

This bullion will be delivered in

15 or 20 days from the date of purchase.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 12th 1898.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Phil^a.

Sir:

I have requested that your Bullion Fund be increased one million five hundred thousand dollars \$1,500,000, by a transfer of that amount in gold coin, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurers, U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 12th 1898.

Sup't. Mint. U. S. Phil^a.

Sir:

I have to request that you will at the close of business each Saturday, report to this Office the approximate amount of silver bullion on hand at your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 12th 1898.

Sup't. Mint. Phil^a.

Sir:

I have referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for settlement, your Ordinary Expense Ac for the month of February, 1898.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockMarch 12th 1878.

Lieut. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Senator Blaine applied this morning for silver proof sets of 1876, 77 & 78, desiring the same for his son, who is making a collection of coins.

Please inform me to what extent his request can be complied with.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Orr, Fess & MorganMarch 12th 1878.

1219 Chestnut St.

Philad^a:

Gentlemen:

I have to request that you will manufacture and ship by Express to the Carson Mint eighteen silver dollar ingot moulds. It might be well for you to inquire at the Mint in your city as to the exact size of these moulds.

We will expect these moulds to be of the best workmanship and furnished at the lowest cash market rate.

Your bill for the same will be sent to this Office for settlement.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent MintMarch 12th 1878.San Francisco.

Bar charge cannot be remitted except where the Government purchases the silver.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

March 12th 1878.

You are authorized to purchase the silver offered by the Bank of California at the equivalent of London rate also on same terms any lots offering up to three hundred thousand ounces additional.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

March 12th 1878.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegrams sent you today are hereby made official, viz: "Bar change cannot be permitted except where the Government purchases the silver." - and "You are authorized to purchase the silver offered by the Bank of California at the equivalent of London rate; also on same terms any lots offering up to three hundred thousand ounces additional."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. J. and W. Seligman & Co.
New York City.

March 12th 1878.

Gentlemen:

I am informed that the bars of the Newark Smelting Works recently sold by you to the Government, and bearing the stamp 999 fine, are found by repeated assays at the Philad^a Mint to run from 996 to 997 fine. I have this day informed Messrs.

Balbach & Son of this fact, and they will no doubt give the matter their prompt attention.

Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 12th. 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, be increased one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000), by a transfer of that amount in gold coin, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Mint, with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

This increase is required to make payment for Silver purchased for delivery at the Philadelphia Mint, for coinage into Silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. August Belmont & Co.

March 12th. 1878.

New York.

Gentlemen:

I have instructed the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia, to receive and make payment for the second lot of 440,000 ounces fine silver purchased from you, at the rate of 120 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per ounce fine in gold coin, by draft on Assistant Treasurer U. S. New York. Approximate value to be paid on delivery, and the balance after melt and assay.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint. Philadelphia.

March 12th. 1878.

Referring to your letter of yesterday, I would say, that whilst everything should be pressed with energy, there need not be any undue haste especially at this stage of operations.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Hon. Jas. PollockMarch 12th 1898.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following telegrams sent you today are hereby made official, viz: "Sent by express today two hundred silver dollars in addition to one hundred heretofore ordered." - and "Referring to your letter of yesterday, I would say that whilst everything should be pressed with energy there need not be any undue haste especially at this stage of operations."

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Telegram, Nevada BankMarch 12th 1898.

San Francisco.

We will purchase for delivery and payment at San Francisco Mint, any part of seven hundred thousand ounces fine silver at equivalent of today's London rate fifty four and one eighth pence.

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Louis McLane, Esq.March 12th 1898.

Pres't. Nevada Bank

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made official viz: "We will purchase for delivery and payment at San Francisco Mint, any part of seven hundred thousand ounces fine silver at equivalent of today's London rate - fifty four and one eighth pence."

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Messrs. Balbach & Son

March 12, 1878.

Smelting Works, Newark N. J.

Gentlemen:

I am informed that silver bars manufactured by you, and sold to the Government by Messrs. Seligman & Co., though bearing the stamp 999, the fineness is found to run from 996 to 997 by repeated assays at the Philad^a Mint. I fear this will lead to some complaint on the part of the sellers, and deem it proper, and as a friendly act, to call your attention to the matter.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Alfred L. Robinson, Esq.

March 12, 1878.

Box 717 Hartford.
Conn.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 7th inst. requesting that you be furnished with from five to one hundred silver dollars of the rejected design, (Barber's).

The Morgan design for the silver dollar having been adopted, there is no authority by law to issue silver dollars of any other pattern or device.

I regret therefore, I cannot comply with your request.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

L. G. Montanye, Esq.

March 12th 1878.

62-64-66 Barclay St.

New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th inst. requesting to be informed whether you can obtain "two specimens of the proposed dollar for this year 1878?"

The coinage of the silver dollar has commenced, and in a short time the silver proof sets for sale at the Mint in Philadelphia will include the new dollar. We do not contemplate striking any pieces from the designs which were not adopted.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

March 12th 1878.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense $\$$ of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month of February 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. A. L. Reidemon

March 12th 1878.

House of Representatives.

Sir:

If you will call at this Office on Thursday morning you can get the Silver Dollars requested in your note of the 11th inst.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.March 12th, 1898.

Supt. Assay Office, U. S.

New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th. inst. transmitting classified statement of the business of your Office during the month of February, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Horace DavidMarch 13th, 1898.

House of Representatives.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. making request, on behalf of Prof. Geo. Davidson, President of the California Academy of Natural Sciences, for certain Government Scientific publications.

Upon inquiry I am advised that if you make personal application to Mr. Fletcher, Supt. of the Printing Room, House of Representatives, you can obtain the following named publications, viz:

Statistical Atlas Nos. 1 & 2.

Vienna Exposition Reports. (Complete),

Raymond's Reports

Hayden's Surveys

Smithsonian Reports.

I am told that the Paris Exposition Reports are comparatively rare - but that these can be found in some of the Antiquarian Book Stores of the city, and should you not find them readily, I can cause them to be procured for you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

March 13^d. 1878.

Sir:

I enclose herewith drafts for \$52.⁵⁰ in coin, and \$148.⁸⁵ currency, and \$1.65 in change, in payment of balance \$203.⁰⁰ for silver dollars forwarded by you to this Office on the 12^d. inst. I have to request that you will convert the currency into gold coin.

I have estimated the premium on gold at $1\frac{1}{4}$, should you not be able to procure it at that rate, please advise this Office of the difference you pay and the amount will be promptly remitted you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Supt. Mint
Philadelphia.

March 13^d. 1878.

Send by Express today three hundred silver dollars. Draft for first lot by mail today.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint
Philad^a

March 13^d. 1878.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "Send by Express today three hundred silver dollars. Draft for first lot by mail today."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Philadelphia.

March 13th, 1898.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the small plate of "gold" prepared at your Mint for the use of the House Committee on Coinage &c

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

C. H. T. Collins, Esq.
 S. E. Fifth & Walnut, Sts.
 Philadelphia.

March 13th, 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter relative to copies of documents referring to the Life Saving Medals, which are needed by Mr. J. S. Loubat.

The documents in question are now being copied, and as soon as finished, will be transmitted direct to Mr. Loubat.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 San Francisco.

March 13th, 1898.

Sir:

It would appear that the owners of silver bullion on your Coast are unwilling to sell the same to the Government, at the market rate, and that they expect to realize more by sale at the place of production than they could by sending it to New York or London. This would be reversing the usual order of things.

The Secretary prefers, all other things being

equal, to purchase silver from our own mines, but he is unwilling to pay more than the London and New York rates.

If at any time there should exist a special demand for silver for export to China, and the price should in consequence thereof advance temporarily above the London rate, we could hardly, at such times, expect to purchase in your City at a lower rate and would consequently rely on our accumulated stock until the China demand should be met and the market resume its normal condition.

We hope that the owners of silver bullion on your Coast will conclude, upon further consideration, that it is their true policy to sell the Treasury Department the bullion required for the coinage of the silver dollar at your Mint, and the Mint at Carson, at the Market rate.

I deem it proper to state this for your information.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter, dated March 14th, 1878, addressed to

James Crawford, Esq.

Sup't. Mint. U. S.

Carson.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Sup't. Mint. U. S.

Phil^a

March 14th 1878.

Sir,

Enclosed herewith find a five dollar gold piece, abraded below the legal limit. I will thank you to return the bullion value of the same to this office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Subt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

March 14th. 1878.

Sir:

You will please cause to be prepared and placed in a suitable case, a set of U. S. gold, silver and minor coins (proof pieces, for Hon. R. C. McCormick, Commissioner General of the U. S. to the Paris Exposition, and who will pay for the same.

Please have the case and coins prepared without delay.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Send by express not later than Monday next to room
 24 Post Office Building New York with Bills - C. O. D.
 Have lock put on case. H. R. L.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia.

March 14th. 1878

Send by express today two hundred silver dollars.

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Subt. Mint, Phila.

March 14th, 1878.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today, is hereby made official, viz: "Send by express today two hundred silver dollars."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 14th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find draft on Assistant Treasurer U. S. Philadelphia for \$203 currency in payment for 300 silver dollars forwarded by Express on the 13th inst.

Should this amount not be sufficient to purchase the gold in payment for these dollars, please advise this Office and the difference will be remitted you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 14th 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadel^a

Sir:

I transmit herewith Treasury Draft #3688 for \$2., issued in payment of the account of R. O. McBleney for specimen coins furnished the Cabinet of your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Wm. E. DuBois, Esq.

March 14th 1878.

Assayer, Mint, U. S. Philad^a.

Sir:

In reply to your note of the 13th inst., I enclose for your information, a copy of a communication received from Messrs. Baltach & Son, in reply to letter of this Office notifying them of the discrepancy in the fineness of their bars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 14th, 1878.

Sir:

The sum of Ten thousand silver dollars was, on yesterday, transferred from the Philad^a Mint to the Treasurer of the U. S. at Washington D. C., and the Supt. of the Mint requests instructions as to the manner in which transportation expenses of this, and future shipments, shall be paid.

The first section of the Act entitled, "An Act to authorize the coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal tender character", and which became a law July 28th 1878, provides that, "any gain or seigniorage arising from this coinage shall be accounted for and paid into the Treasury as provided under existing laws relative to the subsidiary coinage."

Section 3526, Rev. Statutes of the U. S. provides in substance that the gain arising from the coinage of silver bullion into subsidiary coins shall be credited to the silver profit fund, and that that fund shall be charged with the wastage incurred in the silver coinage, and the expenses of distributing such silver coins as provided in section 3527 Revised Statutes.

This latter section makes it lawful to transmit parcels of such coins from time to time to the Assistant Treasurers, Depositories and other offices of the U. S. under general regulations proposed by the Director of the Mint and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The question is, whether the expense of transporting the new silver dollars from the mints to the various Treasury Offices can be lawfully paid out of the seigniorage or gain from the manufacture of that coin.

The word seigniorage as herein used,

refers to the difference between the cost to the Government of silver bullion manufactured into silver dollars, and the nominal value of such dollars.

The question is respectfully submitted for such instructions as you may deem proper.

I have the honor to be yr.

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

B. K. Jamison Esq.

March 14th 1898.

Phil^a Pa.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 11th. inst., I have to inform you, that we have no use at present for additional porcelain pots.

With reference to the quality of the Remmey porcelain refining pots, it is proper that I should state that he has not as yet brought them to such degree of perfection as could be desired. Prof. Booth has been testing these pots and can no doubt give you reliable information respecting them.

Should we have occasion to order any of these pots, I will communicate with you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. Milton TaylorMarch 12th. 1848.

House of Representatives

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th inst. requesting to be furnished with "a book giving a tabular statement of the gold, silver and copper coins of the United States," I transmit you by current mail a copy of my report for 1847, on pp. 26-31 of which will be found the required statements.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

M. G. Bonzans, Esq.March 14th. 1848.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst. enclosing the application of Dr. Joseph Albrecht of New Orleans, for the position of Assayer at your mint.

The application of Dr. Albrecht will be retained in this Office, and should your mint be opened for coinage purposes, will be duly considered.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

David S. Johnson, Esq.March 15th. 1848.

Madison,

Morgan Co. Ga.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th inst. requesting information relative to the value of silver, fineness and weight of coins, &c.

The fineness of the precious metals is estimated

decimally by thousandths, pure or fine gold or silver being 1000. The standard established by law for the fineness of United States coins, both gold and silver, is $\frac{9}{10}$ by weight of gold or silver, as the case may be, and $\frac{1}{10}$ of copper, or decimally expressed 900 thousandths fine.

The Treasury Circular herewith enclosed invites offers for the sale of silver of any fineness, the price to be stated at so much per ounce 1000 fine, the fineness to be ascertained by Mint Assay, and the value calculated according to the same.

The market value of silver as compared with gold fluctuates from day to day; at today's quotation an ounce of fine silver is worth $\$1.18\frac{2}{100}$ in gold coin, at which rate the intrinsic or bullion value of the dollar of 412 $\frac{1}{2}$ grains would be $9\frac{57}{100}$ cents.

The value of the silver in the dollar or its coining rate as fixed by law is $\$1.16\frac{2}{100}$ per standard ounce 900 thousandths fine, which would give the coining rate of an ounce of pure silver in our full legal-tender silver coins as $\$1.29\frac{2}{100}$, this is the value stated in the work quoted by you as $\$1.30$ per ounce fine.

I transmit by current mail copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1876 and 1877, - on page 44 of the report for 1876, you will find a statement of the weight and fineness of all United States coins.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Knotlauch & LichtensteinMarch 15th 1898.

Box 2692, New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst. requesting to be informed of the conditions of delivery and payment, and fineness required for silver bullion purchased by the Government, I enclose herewith Treasury Circular relative to the same.

Purchases are at present paid for in gold coin. No special fineness is required, any silver bullion that is mintable will be received, but if parting or refining is required, the seller will pay the usual charges.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.

March 15, 1898.

New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst. I would state that we are prepared to receive offers from all parties for the sale of silver, and that we would be glad to have an offer from you at any time, promising you a prompt acceptance or declination of the same, as may be deemed best for the interest of the Government.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 15, 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find draft for \$204 currency on Assistant Treasurer U. S. Philadelphia in payment for 200 silver dollars sent this Office on the 14th inst. and \$150 due on former lot. Should this sum not be sufficient to purchase the gold to pay for these dollars, please advise this Office, and the difference will be remitted you without delay.

I will thank you to forward 150 silver dollars by express to this Office on receipt hereof.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 18, 1878.

Supt. Mint, Phil^a.

Sir:

I have to call your attention to the following error in your Bulletin No. 4 for the 4th quarter of the calendar year 1877, viz:

You have credited Silver Coinage with \$13,295.37 for expenses of distributing silver coin. I find an error of \$4.28 in the bill of the Express Co. for October, and of \$6.12 in the bill for September, both being mistakes in footing the bills and both being overpayments. The correct amount of this entry should be \$13,284.99.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 San Francisco.

March 15th 1878.

Sir:

I have to request that at the close of business on the 30th inst., you will telegraph this Office the approximate amount of silver bullion on hand at your mint available for the coinage of silver dollars.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Actg. Director.

Similar letter addressed to

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Carson, Nev.

Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co.
 New York.

March 16th 1878.

Gentlemen:

I have received your telegram of current date reading as follows viz: "We offer twenty five thousand ounces at one nineteen three quarters gold, answer." To which reply was made as follows; "Your offer accepted, deliverable at Philadelphia Mint."

In accepting your offer it is understood that you are to deliver the silver at Philadelphia Mint free of expense to the Government, and that we will make payment in gold coin by draft on the Assistant Treasurer New York.

Please advise this Office by wire on Monday when you will make the delivery, in order that instructions may be given the Supt. of the mint in regard to the receipt of the bullion and payment for the same.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston, Actg. Director.

Telegram.

J. B. Colgate, & Co.March 16th 1878.

47 Wall St. New York.

Your offer accepted, deliverable at Philadelphia Mint.

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

J. H. Lombard, Esq.March 16th 1878.

Union Club

Fifth Ave. & 21st St.

New York.

Sir:

Your request, transmitted by letter of Mr. E. V. Bow, under date of December 27th 1877, to be furnished with copies of documents relating to the bestowment of Life Saving Medals, was referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, and in accordance therewith, herewith are transmitted the copies desired by you.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

C. B. Huntington, Esq.March 16th 1878.

10 Pine St. New York.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst, requesting to be furnished with a Statement showing the amount of gold produced in North Carolina during the last year.

The amount deposited at the Mints and Assay Offices during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1877, was \$80,026.20. A small amount additional was probably used for manufacturing purposes.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Philadelphia.

March 16th 1848.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, the account of John Gay Knox, Esqr. for expenses incurred by him in attending the Annual Assay Commission, you will please remit the amount \$29.05 under cover to this Office.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Philadel^a

March 16th 1848.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find 40 cents in payment of amount due on account of silver dollars forwarded by you to this office on the 13th inst.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Philad^a

March 16th 1848.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst., enclosing one three dollar and two one dollar gold pieces, in return for one five dollar piece, forwarded you by this Office on the 1st inst., has been received.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Actg Director.

W. W. Farmer, Esq.
 Monroe, La.

March 16, 1898.

Sir:

In response to your letter of the 12th inst., I transmit herewith copies of the "Treasury Circular" relative to the purchase of silver bullion.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 San Francisco.

March 18th, 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th inst., transmitting classified statements of the business of your Mint during the month of February, 1898.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 San Francisco.

March 18th, 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 9th inst. transmitting Statement of Coiners gold and silver workings during the month of February 1898.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

March 18th. 1878.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
 Ordinary & Refinery Expense $\$$ for the month of
 January, 1878.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Actg Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

March 18th. 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst. enclosing certificate of
 deposit for $\$4,154.70$ on account of Parting and
 Refining Bullion, has been received.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Actg Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. Mint
 San Francisco.

March 18th. 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th inst. enclosing
 a memorandum of the purchase of Dore bullion by you
 on the 27th, ult.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Actg Director.

J. B. Colgate & Co.

March 18th 1898.

47 Wall St. New York.

We prefer not to bid, but have you make offer.

R. E. Ormston

Actg Director.

J. B. Colgate & Co.

March 18th 1898.

47 Wall St. N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "We prefer not to bid, but have you make offer."

Very respectfully

R. E. Ormston

Actg Director.

Supt. Mint

March 18th 1898.

Philadelphia.

State by wire approximate amount of silver bullion in bullion fund close business sixteenth instant.

R. E. Ormston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 18th 1898.

Supt. ac.

Philad^a.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "State by wire approximate amount of silver bullion in bullion fund close business sixteenth instant."

Very respectfully

R. E. Ormston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint.
 Philadel^a.

March 18th 1878.

Sir:

We have purchased of Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co. New York, twenty-five thousand (25000) ounces fine silver for delivery at your Mint.

You are requested to receive and make payment for the same in gold coin at the rate of 119 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per ounce fine by draft on the Asst. Treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. &c.
 Philadelphia

March 18th 1878.

Sir:

As per request contained in yours of the 16th inst. I send you by today's mail, fifty copies of the Reports of the Director of the Mint for 1877, and a like number of his Reports for 1876.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director

Hon. J. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philad^a

March 18th 1878.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a gold dollar of the coinage of 1874, for which, please return one of current year.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. J. B. Lustis
U. S. Senate.

March 18th 1898.

Sir:

I have your letter of current date relative to the amount that would be required to place the mint at New Orleans in condition to resume coinage operations.

I estimate the amount required to be seventy-five thousand (\$75,000) dollars.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Custom.

March 18th 1898.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense $\checkmark$, for the month of February 1898, and your Refinery Expense $\checkmark$ s for the months of January & February, 1898.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.
Assayer in Charge,
Assay Office, Boise.

March 18th 1898.

Sir:

Your Ordinary Expense $\checkmark$ for the month of February 1898, has been received at this Office.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Edward Young, Esq.March 18th 1898.

Chief of Bureau of Statistics.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this Office, today if possible, a statement showing the movement of specie into and from the United States since October 1st 1897.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.March 18th 1898.

Assayer in Charge

Assay Office, Boise.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$192.²⁰ from the appropriation for salaries at your office for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

L. J. Bowles, Esq.March 19th 1898.

Assayer, &c.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th ult. addressed to the Supervising Architect, making requisition for certain items of stationery, has been referred by that officer to this Office. In reply, I have to inform you that the Contingent Fund of your office has been exhausted, and the articles cannot therefore be furnished you.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

Knoblauch & LichtensteinMarch 19th 1898.

Box 2692

New York City.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 18th inst., relative to Mint charges for refining, melting & purchases of silver bullion.

First. No melting charge is made.

Second. No refining charge is exacted unless the bullion contains base metal other than copper, in which case it varies from $\frac{1}{2}$ @ 2¢ per ounce gross according to the condition of the metal; foreign coin or bars resulting from melting the same are therefore exempt.

Third. Silver bullion containing gold, a parting charge as follows: containing 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 199 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ gold, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per ounce, 200 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 699 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ gold 3 ¢ p. oz. gross.

700 $\frac{1}{2}$ or over " 4 " " "

If it contains over 100 $\frac{1}{2}$ base metal 1 ¢ per ounce additional.

Purchases are paid for by draft on New York; delivery of bullion to be made at the Mint at Philadelphia free of cost to the Government.

Very respectfully
R. C. Preston.

Actg. Director.

Similar letter addressed to

J. D. Purcell Esq.

40 Wall St.

New York.

Strickland Kneass, Esq.

March 19th 1878.

Office Pres^{dt} Penna. R. R. Co.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, enclosing a communication from Mr. McIntyre, relative to the purchase of the Church ground in the rear of the Mint in your city.

The Director of the Mint is at present absent from the city; upon his return, your letter with its enclosure will be submitted to him, and receive due consideration.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Act'g Director.

Hon. J. B. Eustis
U. S. Senate.

March 19th 1878.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 18th inst. relative to the amount that would be required to place the Mint at New Orleans in condition to resume coinage operations, and estimating the amount at \$75,000. I have to inform you that the Director of the Mint in his testimony before the House Committee on Coinage (Mis Doc. No. 37) estimated the amount required at one hundred thousand 100,000 dollars.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Act'g Director.

W. B. Gordon, Esq.March 19th 1898.Blennington, Taylor Co.
W. Va.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 16th inst. relative to having an assay made of ore.

We have no facilities here for making assays, but by sending a sample (a few ounces) together with five dollars to the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia, a report will be furnished you, or you can send a small piece by mail to this Office, and we will advise you whether it will be worth while to go to the expense of having an assay made.

Very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Supt. Mint,March 19th 1898.Carson, Nev.

The amount of silver dollars you will be required to coin per month will depend entirely upon the terms at which silver bullion can be procured for delivery at your Mint.

P. E. Preston

Actg Director.

 Jas. Crawford, Esq.March 19th 1898.

Supt. Mint, Carson.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "The amount of silver dollars you will be required to coin per month will depend entirely upon the terms at which silver bullion can be procured for delivery at your Mint."

Very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Carson.

March 19th, 1848.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing \$136.- in payment of the account of John J. Key, for 17 days services in connection with your Mint has been received.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

March 19th, 1848.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for settlement your Quelling Accounts for the Fourth Quarter of the calendar year, 1847.

The duplicate bills of the Express Co. for transportation of Silver Coins during the months of September & October, forwarded on the 18th inst. have been placed with the account, and the originals, in which the errors exist, are herewith returned.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Philadel^a

March 19th, 1848.

Sir:

I transmit herewith draft on Assistant Treasurer U. S. Philadelphia for \$152.25 currency in payment for 150 silver dollars forwarded by you

to this Office on the 16th inst.

Should this amount not be sufficient to purchase the gold necessary to pay for these dollars, please inform this Office.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg. Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 19th 1898.

Lieut. Mint, U. S.

Phil^a

Sir:

I return herewith warrant with Mr. John F. Knox's signature, as requested in your letter of the 18th inst.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg. Director.

J. T. Loubat, Esq.

March 19th 1898.

Union Club

41 West 21st St.

New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th inst. requesting to be furnished with a copy of the Department letter of May 31, 1897, relative to application made in behalf of Messrs. Fostberg and Crossby for Life Saving medals, and have referred the same to the Secretary of the Treasury, with the request that the copy be furnished you.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg. Director.

S. W. Mahon, Esq.
1st Auditor.

March 19th, 1878.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Quillim Acs of the Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Philad^a for the fourth Quarter of the calendar year, 1877.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Gas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Canon.

March 20th, 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 18th inst. transmitting Melter & Refiners and Coiners Monthly Statements of Operations during the month of February, 1878.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Gas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint
Canon.

Mar. 20th, 1878.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in your name, the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000. in fractional silver coin on account of "Profit on the coinage of silver" and that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by the transfer of said amount.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. Mint. U. S.
 Carson.

March 20th 1878.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate Invoices of 20,000 lbs. copper shipped your Mint on the 13th inst. by Messrs. Pope Cole & Co. of Baltimore through Capt. J. M. Marshall, Assistant Quartermaster U. S. A.

The Co of Messrs. Pope Cole & Co. has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for the coinage of 'Standard Silver Dollars.'

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. Mint. Carson.

March 20th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th inst. transmitting classified statements of the business of your Mint during the month of February, 1878.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston
 Actg Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. Mint. Carson.

Mar. 20th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 7th inst. enclosing statement of the Earnings & Expenditures of your Mint for the quarter ending December 31st 1877.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Telegram. August Belmont, & Co.
New York.

March 20th. 1878.

We are not prepared to act upon
your offer today.

R. E. Preston
Act'g Director.

Messrs. August Belmont & Co.
New York.

March 20th. 1878

Gentlemen:

The following despatch sent you today is
heretby made official, viz: "We are not prepared
to act upon your offer today."

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Act'g Director.

Telegram. J. B. Colgate & Co.

March 20th. 1878.

47 Wall St. New York.

Your offer of ten thousand at one twenty
and one eighth is accepted.

R. E. Preston
Act'g Director.

J. B. Colgate, & Co.
47 Wall St. New York.

March 20th. 1878.

Gentlemen:

I have received your telegram of current
date as follows, viz: "We offer ten thousand ounces
fine silver at one twenty one eighth gold each
at Philadelphia."

To which reply was made as follows:
"Your offer of ten thousand at one twenty and one
eighth is accepted."

Please advise me whether you desire
payment by draft on Assistant Treasurer N. G. or
in coin at Philadelphia, from the word "each" in

your despatch I am in doubt as to the point at which you desire to receive the gold coin.

I have instructed the Supt. of the Mint to receive and make payment for this silver by draft on N. Y. as heretofore, but should you desire the coin for use in Philadel^a, we can accommodate you.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Heidelbach Schelheimer, & Co.

March 20th 1878.

Box 5544 New York.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 19th inst. offering 60,000 ounces fine silver @ \$1.21 gold per ounce.

Your offer is hereby declined, the price being too high; we are governed in accepting offers of silver, by what we consider to be the interests of the Government.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

A. Wolcott, Esq.

Mar. 20th 1878.

Assayer in Charge,

Assay Office, Boise.

Sir:

I have referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for examination your Ordinary $\frac{9}{16}$ for February, 1878.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Similar letter addressed to

M. E. Rongans, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Philadelphia

March 20th 1878.

Sir:

I have to inform you of the purchase this day from Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co. New York of ten thousand ounces fine silver for delivery at your Mint free of charge to the U. S.

You will please receive and make payment for this silver at the rate of 1.20 $\frac{1}{8}$ cents per ounce fine, in gold coin by draft on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Philadelphia

March 20th 1878.

Sir:

I send you by today's mail fifty tables showing the value in U. S. gold coin of silver based on London quotations as requested in your letter of yesterday. The other blanks will be forwarded as soon as printed.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

H. Silver, Esq.
 Assayer, &c.
 Denver.

Mar. 20th 1878.

Sir:

By this day's mail, I send you the 24 Blank Requisitions for funds as requested in your letter of the 14th inst.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston, Actg Director.

H. Silver, Esq.March 20th 1898.Assayer, U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for \$483.29, on account of proceeds of sale of receipts, has been received.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.March 20th 1898.Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate Invoice of 40,000 pounds Ingot Copper, shipped your Mint on the 13th inst. by Messrs. Pope Cole & Co. of Baltimore through Capt. J. M. Marshall, Assistant Quarter Master U. S. A.

The Co of Messrs. Pope Cole & Co. has been approved and referred to the accounting officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.March 20th 1898.Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th inst. transmitting statement of Melter & Refiner's Bullion operations during the month of Feb'y, 1898.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston, Actg Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. Mint. U. S.
 San Francisco.

March 20th, 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th inst. transmitting Report of Special test assays of the coinage of the Mint at Carson during the month of February, 1878.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. John Sherman
 Secretary of the Treasury.

March 20th, 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in the name of James Crawford, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nev. the sum of eighty thousand (\$80,000) dollars, in fractional silver coin on account of "Profit on the coinage of silver", and that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by the transfer of this amount.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director

T. C. Acton, Esq.
 Supt. Assay Office
 New York.

March 20th, 1878.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Office of the Dept. for adjustment your Ordinary & Refinery Expense Vcs for the month of February, 1878.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. D. W. MahonMar. 20th. 1878.1st. Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment, the following
 A/c for the month of February:

Ordinary and Refinery Expense A/c of the Supt. of the
 New York Assay Office;

Ordinary A/c of the Assayer in charge of the
 New Orleans Mint:

Ordinary A/c of the Assayer in charge of the
 Boise City Assay Office.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg. Director.

Messrs. Pope Cole & Co.March 20th. 1878.

57 S. Bay St.

Baltimore.

Gentlemen:

Your account for 20 casks Ingot Copper
 recently shipped by you to the U. S. Mint at
 Carson, Nev. has been approved and referred to the
 accounting officer for settlement, in due course
 of business a draft for the amount \$3,425, will
 be forwarded to you.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg. Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.March 21st. 1878.

Assayer, Assay Office, Helena

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 4th. inst, transmitting
 classified statements of the business of your Office, during the
 month of February, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint

March 18th 1878.San Francisco.

Few days delay in sending silver dollar dies unavoidable. The collars being precisely the same in diameter as that of the Trade Dollar prepare planchets to that size. The standard weight is four hundred and twelve and one half grains.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint

Barren.H. L. Dodge, Esq.March 21st 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir.

The following telegram sent you on the 18th inst. (from Philadelphia) is hereby made official, viz:
"Few days delay in sending silver dollar dies unavoidable. The collars being precisely the same in diameter as that of the Trade Dollar, prepare planchets to that size. The standard weight is four hundred and twelve and one half grains"

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

 Jas. Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Barren.

March 21st 1878.

Sept. 4. U. S. Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

You are authorized to purchase silver bullion for coinage into standard silver dollars, in lots not exceeding ten thousand ounces in any one purchase, and make payment therefor in the new silver dollar at the equivalent of the London rate. Until the same shall have been coined at your mint payment will be made in gold coin.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent U. S. Mint

Carson, Nevada.H. L. Dodge, Esq.Mar. 21st 1878.

Sept. 4. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "You are authorized to purchase silver bullion for coinage into standard silver dollars, in lots not exceeding ten thousand ounces in any one purchase, and make payment therefor in the new silver dollar at the equivalent of the London rate. Until the same shall have been coined at your mint, payment will be made in gold coin."

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

James Crawford, Esq.

Sept. 4. U. S. Mint

Carson, Nev.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 San Francisco.

March 21st 1878.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information the duplicates account of the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road Co. for freight on three boxes stationery shipped you from Washington Jan'y 7th 1878, and on ten tons copper shipped you from Baltimore February 3rd 1878. The original account has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, payment of the amount \$151.29 to be made from the appropriation of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Carson.

Mar. 21st 1878.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment, your Ordinary and Refinery Expense $\frac{1}{2}$ for the month of February, 1878; also, your Refinery Expense $\frac{1}{2}$ for the month of January, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. Mint,
 Carson, Nev.

Mar. 21st 1878.

Sir:

Your Bullion $\frac{1}{2}$ s for the 4th quarter, 1877, - Abstracts and Vouchers, - have been received at this

Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 21st 1898.

Sept. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Meers, J. B.
Bolgate & Co. New York for delivery at your Mint
free of expense, fifteen thousand ounces fine
silver, which you will please receive and
make payment for at the rate of 120 $\frac{1}{8}$ cents
per ounce fine in gold coin by draft on
Assistant Treasurer, N. Y.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 21st 1898.

Sept. Mint, U. S.

Philad.^a.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst. transmitting
\$29.05 in payment of the $\frac{1}{4}$ of John Jay Knox Esq.
for expenses incurred in attending the Annual
Assay Commission, has been received, and
the amount delivered to Mrs. Knox.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

March 21st 1878.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to advance you the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars for the "Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars".

You will please open a separate account with this Remittance.

Very respectfully
H. R. Lindemann
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint
Philad^a.

March 21st 1878.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, copy of the opinion of the Unit Comptroller of the Treasury, approved by the Secretary, in which it is held that the charges for transportation on silver dollars from the Mint to the Sub. Treasuries is properly payable from the seigniorage on the coinage of such dollars.

Very respectfully
H. R. Lindemann
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint
Phil^a.

March 21st 1878.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to purchase silver bullion for coinage into standard silver dollars, in lots not exceeding ten thousand ounces, at the equivalent of the London rate,

and to make payment for the same in silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon. John Sherman

March 21st 1878.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I respectfully recommend that the purchase of silver bullion at the equivalent of the London rate, for coinage into standard silver dollars, be authorized at the Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Carson, and the Assay Office at New York, in lots not exceeding ten thousand (10,000) ounces, in any one purchase, and that payment therefor be made in silver dollars, as soon as the same shall be coined in sufficient numbers for that purpose, and that in the meantime payment be made in gold coin.

This recommendation is made on the ground that owners of small lots of bullion should be placed on an equality with large holders, and also as a convenient mode of meeting your desire to have the new dollar used in payment for silver purchases.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

We recommend that the authority above requested, be granted.

(Signed) H. R. Linderman

H. G. French.

Approved

(Signed) John Sherman

Secretary.

Hon. John Sherman,
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 21st 1898.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the United States in favor of James Pollock, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, payable from the appropriation contained in the first section of an act to authorize the coinage of the standard silver dollar, passed February 28, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

W. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. Assay Office
New York.

March 21st 1898.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to purchase silver bullion for coinage into standard silver dollars, in lots not exceeding ten thousand ounces, at the equivalent of the London rate, and to make payment for the same in silver dollars, which will be transmitted to you as soon as a sufficient number are coined, and until the silver dollars shall have been received for this purpose at your Office, payment for the silver bullion purchased will be made in gold coin.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

W. O. French,
94 Broadway, New York.

March 31st 1898.

Your understanding is correct.

H. R. Linderman, Director.

J. O. French, Esq.March 21st 1898.

94 Broadway, N. Y.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official viz: "Your understanding is correct."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. O. French, Esq.March 21st 1898.

94 Broadway, New York.

We will accept your offer.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. O. French, Esq.March 21st 1898.

94 Broadway, N. Y.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "We will accept your offer."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Wm. O. Craighill, Esq.March 21st 1898.3rd Story, Union Bank Building

Gayade, near Charles St.

Baltimore.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 20th inst., in relation to the appointment of Miss Annie Jones to a position in the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, and have referred your letter to H. L. Dodge, Esq. Sup't. of the Mint, with a kind word in favor of the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Scheyer, & Co.March 27th 1878.

Box 2070 Denver.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 15th inst. relative to depositing cement silver at the Denver Mint, and have referred the same to the Assayer in Charge, with instructions to report to this Office the practicability of working bullion of that character.

As soon as his report shall have been received, I will communicate further with you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Sheldon Esq.March 27th 1878.

Middlebury, Vt.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst. addressed to the President, suggesting that a silver coin of the value of one dollar be issued by the President of the United States, has been referred to this Office.

The Constitution of the United States provides that "Congress shall have power to coin money and regulate the value thereof."

It is very clear then that the President could not issue a coin without the Constitution being amended.

In the early history of the coinage of this Country, it was not deemed to be proper that the coins of a Republic should bear as devices, representations of the Presidents, and for this reason the cent with the bust of Washington was not adopted, and this rule has held good ever since.

You state in your letter that "in our own Country nothing can be procured except some private token or campaign medal".

A series of National Presidential medals are struck at the Mint at Philadelphia and can be obtained by applying to the Supt. of that Institution.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

Hon. Francis Kernan, U. S. S.

March 21st 1878.

U. S. Senate Chambers.

Dear Sir:

On my return this morning from the Philadelphia Mint, I find your letter of the 15th inst. in relation to the establishment of a Mint at Omaha, Neb.

Your request in relation to the same will be attended to at my earliest convenience.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

Knoblauch & Lichtenstein

Mar. 21st 1878.

Box 2692, New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of yesterday relative to the terms for purchase of silver bullion, I have to inform you that drafts on New York are payable in gold coin, and also that we will contract for silver to be delivered in 20 days from date of purchase.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

J. H. Lombard, Esq.

Union Club.

5th Ave. & 21st St.

New York.

March 21st 1898.

Sir:

In response to your request of the 17th inst., I transmit herewith a copy of Department letter of May 31st 1897, transmitting the application for Life Saving Medals made in behalf of Col. Crosby and Carl Solberg.

A copy of Department letter of May 9th 1896, to which the letter of May 31st refers, is also transmitted.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

H. Silver, Esq.

Assayer in Ch'g Mint

Denver.

March 21st 1898.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a communication received from Messrs. Schaeper & Co. of the Denver Reduction Works, relative to depositing cement silver at your Mint.

I have to request that you will furnish this Office with a report of the nature of this bullion, and the practicability of working it at the Denver Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Carl Kohn, Esq.

March 21st 1878.

Pres't Union Nat'l Bank.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. in behalf of Mr. David Bradford, and his appointment to a position in the U. S. Mint at New Orleans.

I am personally acquainted with Mr. Bradford, and in the event of the Mint at New Orleans being opened for coinage purposes, his application will be duly considered.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

Mar. 21st 1878.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the month of February, 1878; also, the Refinery Expense of the same Office for the months of January & February, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. J. B. Colgate, & Co.

Mar. 21st 1878.

47 Wall St. New York.

Gentlemen:

The Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. Philadelphia has been instructed to receive and make payment for fifteen thousand ounces fine silver purchased of you this day at the rate of 126³/₄ cents per ounce fine in gold coin by draft on New York.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

James B. Colgate & Co.
New York City.

March 21st 1898.

Offer accepted deliverable and payable as heretofore.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co.
New York City.

March 21st 1898.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: viz: Offer accepted deliverable and payable as heretofore.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Telegram.

August Belmont & Co.
New York City. N. Y.

March 21st 1898.

We will purchase the lot of silver at the rate of one hundred and twenty one and five sixteenth cents per ounce fine deliverable in Philadelphia. Payment as heretofore.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. August Belmont & Co.
New York City.

Mar. 21st 1898.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "We will purchase the lot of silver at the rate of one hundred and twenty one and five sixteenth cents per ounce fine, deliverable in Philadelphia. Payment as heretofore."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Telegram

Lazard FrèresMarch 21st 1898.

"65 Pine Street,

New York.

We will purchase one million ounces silver at one hundred and twenty one and five sixteenth cents per ounce fine, deliverable at Philadelphia Mint, payment in gold coin by draft on New York.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Lazard FrèresMarch 21st 1898.

65 Pine St. New York.

Gentlemen:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "We will purchase one million ounces silver at one hundred and twenty one and five sixteenth cents per ounce fine, deliverable at Philadelphia Mint, payment in gold coin by draft on New York."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.March 21st 1898.

Assayer in Ch'g Assay Office,

Helena.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary to advance you the sum of \$802.⁴⁰ from the following appropriations:

Salaries	1898	\$ 344.40
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Wages of Workmen	"	208. ⁰⁰
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Contingent Expenses	"	250.-
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There remains to the credit of your Contingent Appropriation about \$240.⁰⁰.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

March 23. 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, copy of the opinion of the 1st Comptroller of the Treasury approved by the Secretary, in which it is held, that the charges for transportation on silver dollars from the Mints to the Sub-Treasuries, is properly payable from the seigniorage on the coinage of such dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Similar letter addressed to

Gen. Crawford, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson. Nev.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

March 22. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

Mr. Wm. C. Briggs of 1106 Broadway, your city, in a letter to Representative Davis states that two brothers in law, Lebris. Dall and George Dall, of Alexander W. Martin are employed in the Melter & Refiner's Dept. at a compensation of \$6. per day, or thereabouts, and that one of these brothers has a good paying private business - manufacturer of Mineral waters.

Mr. Briggs appears to think that one or both of these places should be given to some other persons.

If the Messrs. Dall are competent and faithful employes, and do not receive a compensation exceeding that of other employes in the Mint,

I have nothing to say upon the subject.

At your convenience you will please report upon the subject.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

March 22, 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th inst, in relation to the shipment of six Carboys Nitric and two of Sulphuric C. A. Acids, made you by Messrs. Rosengarten and Sons, of Philadelphia, early in February last has been received.

In reply, I would state that by an oversight in this Office, the duplicate Invoices was not transmitted you. I now enclose the same.

The account of Mess. Rosengarten for these acid was approved February 6th and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement. - Payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Mar. 22, 1878.

Sup't. U. S. San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 14th inst. enclosing the bill of Mr. W. R. Eckert, for services performed at your Mint, and herewith return the same with my approval.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

March 22, 1878.

San Francisco.

Authority given yesterday does not annul that heretofore given.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Mar. 22, 1878.

Supt. &c.

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "Authority given yesterday does not annul that heretofore given."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

N. D. Toppam, Esq.

March 22, 1878.

Cor. Elm & Bartlett Sts.

Charlestown, Mass.

Sir:

Your postal card of the 1st inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting to be informed of the per cent of silver in the dollar of 1798, has been referred to this Office.

The original Coinage Act of April 2, 1792, declared that the standard for all silver coins of the United States should be 1485 parts fine and 179 parts alloy. This proportion was deduced from 416 grains (the weight of the dollar as fixed by the same Act) of which $371\frac{1}{4}$ grains (the supposed contents of a Spanish dollar) must be fine metal.

The fineness therefore, decimally expressed was $.892\frac{4}{10}$ or $89\frac{24}{100}$ per cent.

The Act of January 18, 1837, reduced the

wright of the dollar to 412 1/2 grains, the contents of fine silver however remaining unchanged increased the fineness to our present standard of 900 thousandths.

This Act therefore did not make any change in the value of the dollar.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.

March 23, 1878.

New York.

Gentlemen:

I have instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to receive and make payment for 200,000 ounces fine silver purchased of you this day at the rate of 121 cents in gold coin by draft on Assistant Treasurer U. S. N. Y. Approximate value will be paid on delivery and the balance after melt and assay.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Mrs. L. Hardeman, Esq.

March 23, 1878.

Macon, Ga.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst. I have to inform you that no more pattern pieces (silver dollars) will be struck, the regular issue having already commenced.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Heidelbach, Schelheimer & Co.

March 22, 1878.

No. 80 "5544

New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your favor of yesterday, I have to inform you that offers for the sale of silver bullion to the Treasury Department will be considered and acted upon promptly, whenever they may be received.

Your offer should be addressed to this Office stating quantity and price at which you propose to sell; delivery to be made at the Philadel^a Mint, and payment by gold draft on New York.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

~~Hon. John Sherman~~

March 22, 1878.

~~Secretary of the Treasury.~~

~~Sir:~~

~~I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Army Office to that of the Mint at Philadel^a of the sum of one hundred and seventy-six thousand four hundred and thirty-nine $\frac{1}{100}$ dollars (\$76,439.91), payable in 149,741.09 oz. fine silver bars.~~

~~Very respectfully~~

~~H. R. Linderman~~

~~Director.~~

Hon. John ShermanMar. 22^d. 1878.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Army Office, New York, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of one hundred and seventy six thousand four hundred and thirty nine \$100 dollars \$176,439.91 payable in 149,741.09 ozs. fine silver bars.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Geo. Jackson Esq.Mar. 22^d. 1878

Harre de Grace, Md.

Sir:

I have your favor of the 19th inst. Your suggestion in relation to the devices of the twenty cent pieces is a very good one. It is quite probable that Congress will repeal the law authorizing the coinage and issue of the twenty cent piece; in view of which it is hardly worth while to consider any alteration in the devices.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. J. & W. Seligman & Co.March 22^d. 1878.

New York City.

Offer contained in your letter of yesterday accepted.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York City.

March 22^d. 1848.

Gentlemen:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "Offer contained in your letter of yesterday accepted."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Army Office
New York.

March 22^d. 1848.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 21st inst. asking a transfer from the bullion fund of your office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of 149,741.09 g fine silver bars, of which the gold coin value is *176,4139.91 - I have to advise you that the Secretary of the Treasury has been requested to cause the transfer to be made.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

L. C. Schittenden, Esq.
11 Pine St. New York.

Mar. 22^d. 1848.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 15th inst. requesting to be furnished with a proof silver dollar, and have referred the same to the Supt. of the Mint at Philad^a, with the request to furnish you a "proof" in exchange for a gold dollar.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Pope, Loole & Co.

March 22nd 1848.

57 South Gay st.

Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the communication of the Adams Express Co., left at this Office a few days since by your Mr. Pope, relative to the payment of your account for copper furnished the Philadelphia Mint, I have to state that in course of a few days funds will be in the hands of the Superintendent of the Mint to pay your account.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 22nd 1848.

Supt. Mint, U. S. Philad^a

Sir:

Information has been received of the death on yesterday, at his residence in Bucks Co. in your state, of Hon. James Ross Snowden, Es. Director of the Mint as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the flag of the Mint will be placed at half mast during Monday next, 25th inst., the day of the Funeral, and you are authorized to grant leave of absence at noon of that day to such of the employes as may desire to attend the funeral of the deceased.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 22. 1878.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to request that you will transmit to this Office, statements showing the amount of silver delivered at your Mint by the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, on purchase of 500,000 ounces made February 28th, and by Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. on purchase of 200,000 ounces, February 28th, and 100,000 ounces March 4th. 1878. A separate statement should be furnished covering each purchase.

Very respectfully,

H. P. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Mar. 22. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Phil^a

Sir:

I have to inform you that we have this day purchased of Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. for delivery at your Mint two hundred thousand (200,000) ozs. fine silver, which you will please receive and make payment for at the rate of 121 cents per ounce fine in gold coin by draft on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. New York.

Very respectfully,

H. P. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockMarch 23^d. 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelph^a.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of current date advising you of the purchase of 200,000 ounces fine silver from Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. for delivery at your Mint, I have to request that you will pay the approximate value on delivery and the balance after melt and assay.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

March 23^d. 1878.Philadelphia.

Pay in gold or silver dollars, we prefer payment in the latter in order to get them out. Silver is $54\frac{1}{4}$ in London.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockMar. 23^d. 1878.

Supt. Mint,

Philadelph^a.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you today, is hereby made official, viz: "Pay in gold or silver dollars, we prefer payment in the latter in order to get them out. Silver is $54\frac{1}{4}$ in London."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

March 23rd 1878.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary & Refinery Expenses &c for the month of February 1878.

The Auditor has been requested to disallow the item of "Lunch-Basket \$20.00" in Voucher #415, bill of Alex. Martin for traveling expenses.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 San Francisco.

March 23rd 1878.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause to be advanced you the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, for the "Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars."

You will please open a separate account with this Remittance.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, San Francisco

Mar. 23rd 1878.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Bullion &c. - Abstracts & Vouchers, - of your predecessor, Genl. La Grange, for the 4th quarter of the calendar year, 1877.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. Mint

Philadelphia.

March 23. 1878.

Sir:

The passage of the Act authorizing the coinage of the Standard Silver dollar of 412.5 grains, and making the same an unlimited legal tender necessitates a change in the accounting rate of silver from 1.244168 to 1.16% per standard ounce. It has been decided that the latter rate should be adopted at the close of the current quarter, and that all silver balances be adjusted to that standard on the last day (31st) of this month.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

T. C. Acton, Esq.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.H. L. Dodge, Esq.Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.James Crawford, Esq.Supt. U. S. Mint
Carm.T. C. Acton, Esq.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

March 23. 1878.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Acs, Abstracts and Vouchers, - for the 4th quarter of the calendar year, 1877.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

G. L. Acton, Esq.March 23^d. 1878.

Supt. Army Office, N.Y.

New York.

Sir:

The records of the Treasury Department show that from 1866 to 1870 there was a practice at the Army Office and Arst. Treasury in your City of advancing coin on bullion before assay, and the subsequent return of the coin and pettlement in bars, the result being the final grading of the coinage charges.

I will thank you to examine the papers and records covering these transactions and inform me what officer or clerk fixed the amount advanced, in what way and by whom the amount to be advanced was endorsed or written, whether any record was made of the pettlement of the coinage charge when first deducted, and also when the amount thus collected was returned to the depositor, also, please inform me what original papers or vouchers were taken in such transactions - whether any of these were forwarded to the Treasury Dept., and whether they remain on file in your Office, or that of the Arst. Treasurer.

You will also please inform me under what authority such advances were made, and if by the Secretary of the Treasury please give date of the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

U. S. Acton, Esq.

March 23^d 1878.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
N. Y.

Sir:

On or about the 30th December 1869 some correspondence took place between Messrs. Linderman & Knox, who were at the time making an examination into the affairs of the Assay Office by order of the Secretary of the Treasury, and Hon. Charles F. Folger Asst. Treasurer at New York, relative to the practice existing in the Office of the Assistant Treasurer of advancing coins on bullion. The letter of Messrs. Linderman & Knox, bore date 30th December 1869, and Mr. Folger's reply was dated January 3^d 1870. I will thank you to cause copies of these letters to be prepared and transmitted to this Office. If the originals are on file in the Office of the Assistant Treasurer, and not in the Assay Office please request the Assistant Treasurer to permit copies to be made.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

U. S. Acton, Esq.

Mar. 23^d 1878.

Supt. Assay Office, N. Y.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 22^d inst. you are respectfully informed that in making purchases of silver bullion under authority given you on the 21st inst. you will pay the New York equivalent of the London quotation for bar based upon the daily commercial rate of exchange and that you will not deduct $\frac{1}{2}$ % per oz. as required by former instructions.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.March 23^d 1878.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

N. Y.

Sir:

I will thank you to transmit to this Office, specimens of the blank checks on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. used by you in making payment for gold deposits.

For the better protection of the Assistant Treasurer, it has been decided to supply you with checks printed on fiber paper, from an engraved plate.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. U. S. Assay OfficeMarch 23^d 1878.New York.

Please allow Belmont & Co. to store in Assay Office Building at their own risk lot of silver bars until Monday.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.Mar. 23^d 1878.

Supt. Assay Office, N. Y.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made official viz: "Please allow Belmont & Co. to store in Assay Office Building at their own risk lot of silver bars until Monday."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 23^d 1898.

Supt. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

As soon as the slight imperfections in the dies of the Silver dollar are corrected, and the same are in thorough working order, I have to request that you will transmit to this Office twenty-five pieces struck from the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Supt. Mint

March 23^d 1898.

Philad^a

Silver fifty four and one eighth pence. Please have Barber and Morgan report in writing their progress in making new hubs and dies.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 23^d 1898.

Supt. Mint

Philadel^a

Sir:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "Silver fifty four and eighth pence. Please have Barber and Morgan report in writing their progress in making new hubs and dies."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jno. ShermanMar. 23^d. 1848.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. for the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars in favor of H. L. Dodge, Sup't. of the Mint U. S. at San Francisco, payable from the appropriation contained in the first section of an Act to authorize the coinage of the standard silver dollar &c. passed Feb'y 28th. 1848.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. D. W. MahonMar. 23^d. 1848.1st. Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary and Refinery Expense Vcs of the Sup't. of the Mint U. S. at San Francisco for the month of February, 1848.

I have to request that the item of "Lunch basket - \$20.00" in voucher 115, bill of Alex. Martin for traveling expenses, be disallowed, the same being an unnecessary expense.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Henry Troemner, Esq.Mar. 23^d. 1848.

710 Market St. Phila.

Sir:

The balances made by you for this Office some time since, & which have proven defective, will be shipped to you today for repairs.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

J. O. French,

Mar. 23, 1898.

94 Broadway, New York.

How much have you purchased under offer made you on 20th inst. answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. O. French, Esq.

March 23, 1898.

94 Broadway, New York.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made official viz: "How much have you purchased under offer made on 20th inst. answer."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Parker Handy,

March 23, 1898.

24 Nassau Street, New York.

Offer declined - price too high.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Parker Handy, Esq.

Mar. 23, 1898.

24 Nassau St. N. Y.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made official: "Offer declined, price too high."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

James B. Colgate & Co.
47 Wall St. New York.

March 23^d. 1878.

Yes for the present.

R. C. Preston
For Director Mining.

James B. Colgate & Co.
47 Wall St. N. Y.

Mar. 23^d. 1878.

Gentlemen:

The following despatch sent you today
is hereby made official: "Yes for the present."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

August Belmont & Co.
New York.

March 23^d. 1878.

See Superintendent of Assay Office.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

August Belmont & Co.
New York.

March 23^d. 1878.

Gentlemen:

The following despatch sent you today
is hereby made official: "See Superintendent
of Assay Office."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

August Belmont & Co.
New York City.

March 25th. 1878.

All right.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mining.

Messrs. August Belmont & Co.

Mar. 25th. 1878.

New York City.

Gentlemen:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "All right."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Telegram, F. O. French,

March 25th. 1878.

94 Broadway, New York City.

Secretary directs me to say that option will be considered as expired at ten o'clock tomorrow forenoon.

H. R. Linderman

Director M&P.

Similar telegram sent to

Lazard Brothers

65 Pine St. New York.

F. O. French, Esq.

March 25th. 1878.

94 Broadway, N.Y.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made official, viz: Secretary directs me to say that option will be considered as expired at ten o'clock tomorrow forenoon.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Messrs. Lazard Brothers.

65 Pine St. N.Y.

Telegram, F. O. French,

March 25th. 1878.

94 Broadway, New York City.

Order in force tomorrow.

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockMarch 25th 1848.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I suppose that by the first part. or soon thereafter, you will be receiving daily, a supply of working dies sufficient for stamping all the silver dollar blanks that can be prepared.

As I have in former communications stated, it is necessary to bring your Mint to its maximum capacity at the earliest time practicable, and that there may be no misunderstanding upon this subject, you are hereby directed to take without delay such measures as may be necessary to obtain the largest coinage of silver dollars practicable, and to this end you will employ such additional number of adjusters, workmen etc. as yourself and the operative officers may deem necessary; and procure and put up any additional apparatus, machinery, or fixtures which may be required;—funds for expenses incurred in carrying out these instructions will be furnished from time to time on your requisition through this office.

In granting you full discretion, we look to you for a prompt compliance with these instructions.

It is possible that we may be compelled to coin two and a half millions per month, at your Mint, but it is quite important that a capacity of two millions be attained for the next month.

During my recent visit to your Mint, my observation led me to believe that Regulation no. 1. page 23, is not conformed to by some of the operative officers and their assistants. I trust that the bringing of this fact to your notice will render unnecessary any further steps on

my part to ensure strict conformity to regulations on the part of everyone connected with the Mint.

I have further to direct that the Engraver's dept. be brought into the highest degree of efficiency and with the least possible delay, and to that end the Engraver, his Assistants and workmen will give their undivided attention to the preparation of working dies and neither the Engraver nor his Assistants will undertake the preparation of any models or sketches of any experimental dies without the express authority of this office.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint
 Philad^a.

March 25th 1878.

Sir:

Referring to our conversation when last at the Mint in respect to the hours constituting a day's work, I have to inform you that after reading to the Secretary regulation 18 page 25 "Instructions and Regulations", and conferring with him upon the subject, it has been decided not to modify or alter at present said regulation, and you will be governed accordingly.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Philadel^a.

March 25th. 1848.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 23^d. inst. transmitting Coiner's weekly report of coinage executed for the week ended March 23^d. 1848.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint.
 Phil^a.

Mar. 25th. 1848.

Sir:

I have received your communication transmitting reports of purchases of silver bullion on February 27th. and March 18th. 20th. & 21st. 1848.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Messrs. Heidelbach Schelheimer, & Co.
 P. O. Box "5544", New York.

Mar. 25th. 1848.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 23^d. inst. I have to inform you that offers by telegraph for the sale of silver bullion will be considered and answered promptly by wire.

There is no objection to your sending a telegraphic key to be used in making offers for the sale of silver to the Government.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Chas. J. Stauch, Esq.

611 North 7th St.

Philadelphia.

March 25th 1878.

Sir:

The subject of changing the devices on the gold coins (Eagle, Half-Eagle and Quarter Eagle) is under consideration by this Office, and I desire that you should have an opportunity to submit designs for the obverse and reverse of the same.

I enclose herewith the section of law which specifies the devices and inscriptions that the coins must bear upon them.

The figure "emblematic of Liberty" should be a simple head of Liberty, without any cap, the arrangement of the hair so. to be left to your discretion.

The figure of an eagle should be with outspread wings, but drooping instead of raised as on the new silver dollar, an olive branch in the dexter talon & arrows in the sinister, the head of the eagle turned towards the olive branch. The inscriptions to be placed according to law.

If the additional motto "In God we trust," the insertion of which the law leaves discretionary, should interfere with or cramp the freedom of design, you may omit it.

I desire that you should submit your designs as sketches or drawings, the subject of modeling will be left for future consideration.

If you think proper to do so, you may furnish additional sketches for the same according to your own views or taste, but following the requirements of law.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Please consider this letter as
confidential.

H. R. L.

Frank. Ballou, Esq.March 25th 1878.

Georgetown, Col.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 16th inst. asking "what are the mint charges for refining bullion from five hundred to nine hundred fine".

Presuming you refer to silver bullion, the charges are as follows:

For refining the number of ounces required to raise the whole to standard

Less than 600 π 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce.

600 π to 900 π 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ " "

where the alloy is other than copper a toughening charge of $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ to 1 ¢ per ounce gross.

If the bullion contains gold a parting charge is imposed, containing 1 π to 199 $\frac{1}{2}$ π gold 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per oz.

" 200 π to 699 $\frac{1}{2}$ π " 3 ¢ " "

If it contains over 100 base metal and parting is required, 1 ¢ per ounce additional.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Prof. J. C. Booth.Mar. 25th 1878.

Melter & Refiner

U. S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

I have your informal letter of the 23rd inst. in relation to improved bullion balances, the invention of H. C. Lockman.

You desire to know whether the balance would be made and bought by the Government when the model shows that it works well.

I am quite desirous of having this alleged improvement in bullion balances fairly tested; but I cannot commit this office to any purchase without knowing the price to be paid.

The concluding paragraph of your letter appears to indicate that what would be expected, would be the purchase of a bullion balance at the usual price with an addition sufficient to cover the cost of adding to it Mr. Cochran's improvement.

If a clear proposition be made I will give it a fair consideration.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

E. I. Alcorn, Esq.

March 25th 1848.

Brown letter

Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th inst. addressed to the Treasurer, asking if a premium is offered on one cent pieces made in 1847, has been referred to this Office.

No U. S. cent is worth as money, more than its face value; some pieces however of dates in which but few were coined or that may be in good preservation, command high prices among numismatists, but I am unable to tell you whether the piece to which you refer would be considered as being rare.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Wm. H. Knseppel, Esq.

March 25th 1848.

Box 5025,

New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 21st inst. relative to striking minor coins at the U. S. Mint, for a Central American Government.

An application to strike coins for a foreign Government should be made to the Secretary of State, by a duly authorized Agent of the Government desiring the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.

March 25th 1848.

Assayer in Charge

Assay Office, Helena.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense $\$$ for the month of February 1848.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

Mar. 25th 1848.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense $\$$ of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. for the month of February, 1848.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

March 25th 1898.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the month of April, 1898, has been approved for the sum of \$25,100.00 from the following appropriations:

Salaries - - - - 1898 \$2,100.00

Wages of Workmen - - - - " 23,000.00

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Parker Handy, Esq.

March 25th 1898.

24 Nassau St. N. Y.

We will take the silver at price named in your dispatch provided you will deliver it at the Philad^a Mint free of expense to us.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Parker Handy, Esq.

March 25th 1898.

24 Nassau St.

New York.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made official: We will take the silver at price named in your dispatch provided you will deliver it at the Philad^a Mint free of expense to us.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. O. Furman, Esq.March 25th 1878.

Franklinton. N. C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd inst. enclosing \$1.10 has been received. Enclosed herewith find a silver dollar as requested. I also return 10 cents in currency.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. John ShermanMarch 26th 1878.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state, that the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco for the current fiscal year is nearly exhausted, and that in order to continue the coinage of gold, which that Mint will be called upon to execute during the balance of this fiscal year, and to make such repairs as will be absolutely necessary at the Annual settlement in June next, it will be necessary to procure an appropriation of \$15,000. for Contingent Expenses for that Mint.

For your information I would state, that during the first eight months of the current fiscal year the coinage of the San Francisco Mint was:

	Pieces	Value.
Gold	1424,100	\$27,479,500
Trade dollars	7,239,000	7 239 000
Fractional silver	8,352,000	3 743,000
Total	17,015,100	\$38,461,500

The amount of gold coinage the Mint at San Francisco will be called upon to make during the remainder of the fiscal year, I estimate at \$12,000,000. I would add that upon the amount

of Trade Dollars manufactured the coinage charge collected amounted to \$100.585. The amount accruing prior to January 1st has been paid into the Treasury, and the remainder will be paid in at the close of the current quarter.

I have also to report, that in order to continue operations at the mint of the U. S. at Denver for the balance of the current fiscal year, it will be necessary to procure an appropriation of two thousand dollars for wages of workmen.

The Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, ceased operations on the 1st of February, the appropriation for wages and incidental expenses for the year being exhausted. I have to recommend that an Appropriation of six hundred dollars be procured for wages and incidental expenses, at that office, for the balance of this fiscal year, in order that the same may be reopened for business.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 26th 1898.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, to that of the U. S. Assay Office at New York of the sum of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. John Sherman,
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 26th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia to that of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, of the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand \$150,000. dollars in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadel^a. Penna.

March 26th 1878.

Sir:

Confidential. The Department purchased on yesterday, a large amount of silver bullion which will most likely commence to arrive at your Mint in about two weeks and continue for one or two months.

It will be necessary for you to put everything in complete order to receive, weigh and assay this bullion.

The details of this purchase will be communicated to you today.

You will enjoin upon all persons at the Mint having any connection with the receipt and the accounting for this bullion, to give no publicity whatever in reference to the same.

The interests of the Government require, for the present, that its operations in purchasing silver bullion should not be made known.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 26th 1848.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase on the 25th inst. of J. O. French New York. for delivery at your Mint of one million ounces fine Silver at 121 $\frac{5}{16}$ cents per ounce fine, and one million ounces at 120 $\frac{5}{16}$ cents per ounce fine, which you will receive and make payment for in gold coin, by draft on Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Approximate value to be paid on delivery and the balance after melt and assay. This silver will probably arrive in from two to four weeks hence.

Very respectfully

H. P. Lindenmann

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

March 26th 1848.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase on the 25th inst. of Messrs. August Belmont & Co. of 400000 ounces fine silver for delivery at your Mint, which you will please receive and make payment for, at the rate of 121 $\frac{5}{16}$ cent per ounce fine in gold coin by draft on Assistant Treasurer, New York.

Approximate value to be paid on delivery and balance on melt and assay. This silver will probably arrive in about two weeks.

Very respectfully

H. P. Lindenmann

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockMarch 26th 1878.

Sup. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase on the 25th inst. of Messrs. Lazard Freres, New York of one million ounces fine silver, for delivery at your mint at 121 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce fine, which you will please receive and make payment for in gold coin by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Approximate value to be paid on delivery and the balance after melt & assay.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Lazard Brothers, BankersMar. 26th 1878.

65 Pine St. New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your communication of yesterday, stating that you thought you could furnish the Treasury Dept. with one million ounces fine silver bullion at the rate of one hundred and twenty one and one quarter cents per ounce fine, has been received.

We do not care at the present time to give parties an option for the sale of bullion and therefore respectfully decline your proposition.

In any future propositions which you may think proper to make for the sale of silver bullion to the Dept., you will please make a direct offer, stating quantity, and price at which you may be prepared to sell, and which will receive prompt attention.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Lazard FreresMar. 26th. 1898.

65 Rue St. New York.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 25th. inst. accepting our offer of the 21st. inst. for the delivery at the Phil^a Mint of one million ounces fine silver, at the rate of 121 $\frac{5}{16}$ cents per ounce 1000 fine, gold coin has been received.

I have instructed the Lieut. of the Phil^a Mint to receive and make payment for this silver, by draft on the Asst. Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Approximate value to be paid on delivery and the balance after Melt and Assay.

I will thank you to inform me when you expect to be able to make the delivery.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Messrs. Hagen & BillingsMar. 26th. 1898.

41 Wall St. New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of yesterday requesting information in respect to the form of making offers to the Dept. for the sale of silver bullion.

You will find all necessary information on this point in the printed circular enclosed herewith.

If you require information on any point not embraced in the circular we shall be glad to answer any further inquiry.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.March 26th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate account of the Empire Line for freight from Philadelphia to Chicago on acids shipped to your Mint by Messrs. Rosegarten & Sons, through the Quartermaster's Department.

The original account I have approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, payment of the amount \$2.39 to be made from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

I also enclose duplicate account of the Red Line Transit Co. for freight from New York to Chicago on Zinc shipped to you from New York through the Quartermaster's Department, the original of which has also been referred to the Accounting Officer for settlement; payment to be made from the appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion at your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.March 26th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday transmitting a report of fine silver purchases at your Office, under instructions contained in my letter of the 5th of February, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

V. L. Acton, Esq.

March 26th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,

N. Y.

Sir:

On the 25th inst. we purchased of Parker Handy, Esq. one hundred thousand ounces fine silver to be delivered at the Philadelphia Mint, at the rate of 121 cents gold, per ounce fine, but at the request of Mr. Handy, and his offer to rebate 1% per cent per ounce on the price, and his further offer to accept silver dollars in payment, we have decided to allow him to deliver the same at your Office, and also to allow him to increase the amount to be delivered from 100,000 oz. to 125,000 oz.

You are requested and authorized to receive this silver from Mr. Handy, and make payment for the same at the price and terms above stated.

In order to enable you to make payment in silver dollars, I have this day requested the transfer from the Bullion Fund of the Mint at Philadelphia to that of your Office of one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) dollars in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

August Belmont & Co.

March 26th 1878.

New York City.

We are not prepared to make bids for silver will consider any offer you may think proper to make.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. August Belmont & Co.March 26th 1878.

Bankers, New York.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "We are not prepared to make bids for silver will consider any offer you may think proper to make."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. August Belmont & Co.March 26th 1878.

New York.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 25th inst. confirming your acceptance of our offer for the delivery of 400,000 ounces fine silver at Philad^a Mint, at the rate of 121 $\frac{5}{16}$ cents gold per ounce fine, has been received.

The Sup^t. of the Mint has been instructed to receive this Silver from you, and to pay for the same in gold coin, by draft on Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Approximate value to be paid on delivery and the balance after melt and assay.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram

Messrs. Drexel & Co.March 26th 1878.Philad^a

We prefer that you should make an offer.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mining.

Messrs. Drexel & Co.Mar. 26th. 1848.

Philadelphia

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "We prefer ^{that} you should make an offer."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Parker Handy, Esq.March 26th. 1848.

24 Nassau St. New York.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday in relation to the sale of 100,000 ozs. fine silver made by you for delivery at the Philadelphia Mint, at 121 cents per ounce fine, gold, and asking to be allowed the privilege of delivering the same at the Assay Office at New York at a rebate of 1/10 per cent per ounce on your part, from the price heretofore agreed upon and to receive payment in silver dollars.

We have decided to accept your offer and have directed the Superintendent of the Assay Office in your City, to receive the silver and make payment therefor in silver dollars on the terms above stated.

We have also decided to allow you to increase the amount to be delivered from 100,000 to 125,000 ounces, and your proposition to that effect has been accepted.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Parker Handy,
24 Nassau St. New York.

March 26th 1898.

Have arranged for delivery at Assay Office on terms stated in your letter will accept twenty five thousand additional.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Parker Handy, Esq.
24 Nassau St. N. Y.

March 26th 1898.

Sir:

The following dispatch sent you today is hereby made official viz: "Have arranged for delivery at Assay Office on terms stated in your letter. Will accept twenty-five thousand additional."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

G. O. French, Esq.
94 Broadway, N. Y.

Mar. 26th 1898.

Sir:

I have received the letter of Mr. H. C. Jahnestock, confirming your telegram of the 25th inst. of the sale for delivery at the Philadelphia Mint under our offer of the 21st inst. (accepting your proposition of the 20th inst.) of one million ounces of fine silver at one twenty one and five sixteenths cents per ounce, and one million ounces at one hundred and twenty and fifteen sixteenths cents per ounce, payable in gold coin.

I have instructed the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia to receive this silver, and make payment for the same in gold coin, by a draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York; approximate value to be paid on delivery, and the balance after melt and assay.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

J. O. French

March 26th 1898.

94 Broadway, New York City.

Secretary directs me to say option of twentieth instant may remain in force until Thursday Twenty Eighth instant.

H. R. Linderman
Director Minsf.

J. O. French, Esq.

March 26th 1898.

94 Broadway, N.Y.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "Secretary directs me to say option of twentieth instant may remain in force until Thursday Twenty eighth instant."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

J. O. French,

March 26th 1898.

94 Broadway, New York City.

Secretary declines to increase limit.

Director Minsf.

J. O. French, Esq.

Mar. 26th 1898.

94 Broadway, N.Y.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "Secretary declines to increase limit."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

W. O. French, Esq.Mar. 26th. 1878.

94 Broadway, New York

Sir:

The following telegram sent you yesterday is hereby made official, viz: "Order in force tomorrow."

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindenman

Director.

Telegram.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.March 26th. 1878.

New York.

Your proposition declined.

H. R. Lindenman

Director.

Messrs. J. & W. SeligmanMarch 26th. 1878.

Bankers, New York.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "Your proposition declined."

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindenman

Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.Mar. 27th. 1878.

Subt. U. S. Army Office

New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th inst. enclosing form of check used by you in making payment for gold deposits has been received.

I think that it would be well for you to send a cancelled check book for the guidance of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindenman

Director.

B. Jones Esq.

26 Court St.

Montgomery, Ala.

March 27th 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 23rd inst. relative to Mexican dollars, and the rate at which they are taken in circulation and by banks.

Under the law the Mexican dollar possesses no legal tender as money in the United States and is not receivable for Government dues at the Treasury or its Office; it has therefore a value simply as bullion and as such can be accepted in trade at whatever price may be agreed upon.

At today's quotation for silver bullion, the Mexican dollar is worth as bullion about 94 1/2 gold coin.

The Mint at Philadelphia will purchase these dollars at the ruling rate for silver bullion on the day of purchase, to be delivered at the Mint free of charge to the Government, and pay for the same in standard silver dollars returned at the expense of the seller.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Hon. D. W. Mahon.1st Auditor.Mar. 27th 1898.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion $\frac{1}{2}$ s of the Assayer in charge of the Helena Assay Office, for the fourth quarter of the calendar year 1897.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. David DavisMarch 27th. 1848.

U. S. Senate,

Sir:

I have received the letter of John Forsythe, endorsed by you and referred to this Office, in relation to the employment at barren mint for John Gregg.

Appointments at the Mints are vested by law in the local Officers, subject only to the approval of the Director. I rarely interfere with the same, but desiring to oblige you, I have requested the Supt. of the Mint at barren to favorably consider the application of Mr. Gregg if consistent with the public interests.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockMarch 27th. 1848.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

My letter of the 24th of Novem. last, in so far as it requested you to determine the necessary consumption of coal, does not appear to have been answered.

I should like to have a statement showing the number of tons of coal consumed by the Boilers and the Melters and Refiners respectively for each of the months of December 1847 and January, February & March 1848.

A statement of the monthly consumption of coal in all the Depts. of the Mint will hereafter be furnished this Office.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint
 Phila.

Mar. 27th 1848.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of yesterday, making requisition for three copies of the Revised Statutes for the use of your Mint, I have to advise you that I have today referred the same to the Secretary of the Treasury with the request that they be furnished you if possible.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Telegram. Heidelberg, Schelheimer & Co.

March 27th 1848.

New York City.

We will pay for eighty thousand ounces at the rate of one hundred and twenty and one half cents per ounce fine on delivery at the Assay Office in your City.

H. R. Linderman
 Director Mint.

Messrs. Heidelberg Schelheimer & Co.

Mar. 27th 1848.

New York City.

Gentlemen:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby confirmed: "We will pay for eighty thousand ounces at the rate of one hundred and twenty and one half cents per ounce fine on delivery at the Assay Office in your City."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Drexel Morgan & Co.March 27th 1878.

Wall St. Cor. Broad St.

New York.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of yesterday offering 450,000 to 500,000 ounces of silver at $\$1.21\frac{1}{2}$ per ounce fine payable in gold coin on delivery at the U. S. Assay Office at New York within thirty days, was not received until half past two o'clock this afternoon. In the meantime however, we received your telegram increasing the price to $\$1.21\frac{1}{2}$ per ounce fine, - which latter rate being above that at which it is deemed expedient to pay under the present condition of the market, was declined. I may add that had your offer of yesterday been communicated by telegraph and received before the close of business for the day, it would no doubt have been accepted.

If it be your pleasure to furnish this Office with a short telegraphic cipher, to be used in case of your making offers in future for the sale of silver, there is no objection to your doing so. It will save time which is a matter of importance in connection with the receipt of, and action upon offers.

You are no doubt advised through the public press that we are ready to receive offers for the sale of silver bullion or foreign coin deliverable at the San Francisco Mint, and payable by draft on New York. If necessary, a reasonable time would no doubt be granted in which to make the deliveries at that point.

It is proper to add that under existing circumstances, it is not probable that we would feel justified in purchasing any silver for delivery in Philadelphia or New York at a price above the

equivalent of the London rate on the day of sale.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Messrs. Drexel Morgan & Co.

March 27th 1898.

New York.

Letter referred to in your dispatch has not been received at this office.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Messrs. Drexel Morgan & Co.

March 27th 1898.

New York City.

What quantity do you offer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Messrs. Drexel Morgan & Co.

March 27th 1898.

New York City.

The price of silver being above the rate at which we think expedient to pay, your offer is declined.

Letter by mail.

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Messrs. Drexel Morgan & Co.

Mar. 27th 1898.

New York City.

Gentlemen:

The following telegrams sent you today are hereby made official, viz: "Letter referred to in your dispatch has not been received at this office." "What quantity do you offer?" and "The price of silver being above the rate at which we think expedient to pay, your offer is declined. Letter by mail."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.March 27th 1878.

Please extend Mr. Johannes' leave of absence
for fifteen days.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.March 27th 1878.

Supt. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby
made official; "Please extend Mr. Johannes' leave of
absence for fifteen days."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.Mar. 27th 1878.

Supt. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th inst. enclosing certificate
of deposit for \$4,775 ⁵²/₁₀₀ coin on account of Parting
& Refining Bullion, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Telegram.

August Belmont & Co.March 27th 1878.

New York.

Any time after nine o'clock in
the morning.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Meers, August Belmont & Co.
New York.

Mar. 27th. 1878.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "Any time after nine o'clock in the morning."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. L. Wright, Esq.
23 Lispenard St.
New York.

March 27th. 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 25th, inst. offering for sale the dies for the "Declaration of Independence" medal.

Whilst it would be desirable that these dies should be in the possession of the Government, I regret that we have no available fund from which payment for them could be made.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Lebas, Rumley, Esq.
Assayer in chg. Helena Assay Office.

Mar. 27th. 1878.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for Settlement, your Bulletin No. for the 4th. Quarter, 1877.

You should always forward an Abstract of unpaid deposits when there are any such remaining unpaid, or any warrants for deposits of previous quarters paid.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.March 28th. 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th inst. relative to covering about twelve hundred feet of steam pipe, at your Mint with "Salamander Belting",

-- I would state that as we have no funds that can be legally applied for this purpose I am of the opinion that this work had better be deferred until the Annual Settlement.

I have sent in an estimate for an appropriation of \$15,000.- to meet the contingent expenses of your Mint for the balance of the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.Mar. 28th. 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th inst. in relation to purchasing a lot of Cupels from the party heretofore furnishing the Mint with the same I would state that I leave the matter entirely to your discretion believing that you will do what is just and for the interest of the Government.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.Mar. 28th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have received a communication from a person in your City which states in substance, that the Assayer of your Mint is in the habit of exhibiting himself in the streets and saloons in an intoxicated condition.

If this be true in any degree, a change in that office will be necessary. Please report the facts without delay, and if they are as stated, it will be necessary for you to recommend a well qualified person for the position.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford Esq.Mar. 28th 1898.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this Office without delay a statement showing the amount of silver delivered by Nevada Bank of San Francisco on purchase of 500,000 ozs. made on the 25th ult.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram

Lazard BrothersMarch 28th 1898

65 Pine St. New York.

Your offer declined are not purchasing at present advanced price.

H. R. Linderman

Director

Lazard Freres

65 Pine St.

New York.

March 28th. 1878.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official viz: "Your offer declined, are not purchasing at present advanced price."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Y. L. Acton, Esq.

Supt. Assay Office

New York.

March 28th. 1878.

Sir:

We have purchased of Messrs. Heidelbach Schelheimer & Co. eighty thousand ounces fine silver to be delivered at your office in about three weeks.

You will please receive and make payment for this silver at the rate of 120½ cents per ounce fine in gold coin.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Y. L. Acton, Esq.

Supt. Assay Office

New York.

Mar. 28th. 1878.

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Messrs. J. B. Bolgate & Co. thirty thousand ounces fine silver to be delivered at your office, which you will please receive and make payment for in gold coin at the rate of 121 cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Arthur Bell, Esq.March 28th 1898.

26 Court St.

Brooklyn. N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the coinage of the 20¢ piece, has been referred to this Office.

The 20¢ piece was authorized to be coined by the Act of March 3, 1895, none have been issued since the close of the fiscal year 1897, the total number of pieces issued was 1354290, of the value of \$270,858.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

J. L. Simpson, Esq.Mar. 28th 1898.

6½ Myers. Virtue & Gordon

222 Walnut St. Phila.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury requesting to be informed whether you can obtain two silver dollars of the Barber design, has been referred to this Office.

We have no dollars of this design on hand and it is not contemplated that any more will be struck.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.March 28th 1898.

New York City.

Advise your San Francisco correspondent to make an offer direct to this Office using its cipher in parmes.

H. R. Lindermann

Director Mint.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.March 28th. 1878.

New York City.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: 'Advise your San Francisco correspondent to make an offer direct to this Office using its cipher in same.'

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Lehal. Rumley, Esq.March 28th. 1878.

Assayer &c.

Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information the duplicate invoices of the 300 & 400 oz. U. S. Standard Brass Weights shipped to your Office recently by Henry Insemer, Esq. of Philadelphia.

The account of Mr. Insemer has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the Contingent Fund of your office for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Mrs. E. Noble, Esq.March 28th. 1878.

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 15th inst. in relation to the habits and conduct of the Assayer of the Mint in your City. The subject will receive my immediate attention.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. O. Furman, Esq.March 28th, 1898.

Franklin, Franklin Co. N. C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th inst. enclosing ten dollars (\$10.) currency and requesting that ten silver dollars be sent you, has been received.

I regret that I cannot accommodate you as silver dollars are at present only paid out in exchange for gold coin by the Treasurer of the U. S.

Therefore I return the amount enclosed by you.

I would add that the silver dollars heretofore sent you was simply as a matter of accommodation.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Parker Handy,March 28th, 1898.

24 Nassau St. New York.

Cannot state definitely when certificates will be ready for issue. Superintendent Arday Office has been fully instructed as to payments.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Parker Handy, Esq.Mar. 28th, 1898.

24 Nassau St.

New York.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: 'Cannot state definitely when certificates will be ready for issue. Superintendent Arday Office has been fully instructed as to payments.'

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

N. B. Leoder, Esq.March 28th 1878.

Glennington

Taylor Co.

West Va.

Sir:

I have received your letter transmitting a sample of ore for an expression of my opinion thereon.

It is simply iron pyrites, and from its appearance I should not judge that it contained either gold or silver.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Heidelbach Schelkner & Co.Mar. 28th 1878.

New York

Gentlemen:

The Sup't. of the Assay Office in your City has been duly instructed to receive and make payment for eighty thousand ounces fine silver purchased of you on the 27th inst. at the rate of 120½ cents per ounce fine gold coin.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Henry Troemner Esq.March 28th 1878.710 Market St. Phil^a.

Sir,

Your $\frac{1}{2}$ for 300 & 400 oz. U. S. Standard Brass Weights furnished the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business, a draft for the amount \$49.00, will be forwarded to you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. B. Holgate, & Co.
New York.

Mar. 28th. 1898.

Gentlemen:

I have instructed the Superintendent of the Assay Office in your City to receive and make payment for thirty thousand (30,000) ounces fine silver purchased of you this day at 121 cents per ounce fine gold coin.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. B. Holgate, & Co.
47 Wall St.

March, 28th 1898.

New York City.

We will take the silver at one quarter of a cent per ounce less than the rate stated in your despatch delivery may be made at Assay Office in your City.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. B. Holgate, & Co.
47 Wall St. N. Y.

Mar. 28th. 1898.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the following telegram from you today, viz: "We offer thirty thousand ounces silver one twenty, one one quarter deliverable payable as before", to which I have replied as follows viz: "We will take the silver at one quarter of a cent per ounce less than the rate stated in your despatch, delivery may be made at Assay Office in your City."

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockMarch 29th 1848.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I send you by Express today, a package containing five samples of ore, which I will thank you to hand to your Assayer for examination and assay.

An assay of the richest sample will be sufficient unless it should prove to be of some value, in which case I would like assays made of all the samples.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockMarch 29th 1848.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadel^a.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 28th. inst. you are authorized to continue the present accounting rate for fractional silver coin on hand, but all silver bullion on hand you adjust to the standard dollar valuation.

It is not at all probable that you will be required to manufacture any fractional silver coin for a year to come, as the amount on hand will be ample to meet all demands.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Sept. 4. S. Mint
 Philadel^a.

March 29th. 1898.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find two gold dollars for which I will thank you to return to this Office one gold and one silver dollar (412 $\frac{1}{2}$), of the coinage of the present calendar year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Lo. J. Stauch, Esq.
 611 N. 7th St.
 Philadelphia.

Mar. 29th. 1898.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst. relative to designs for the gold coinage has been received, and I herewith enclose the section of law respecting the devices.

You may take your own time in the preparation of the sketches, but as the funds at our disposal are limited, I should desire to be informed in advance of what will be the probable cost to the Government.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Telegram Sept. 4. S. Assay Office
 New York.

Mar. 29th. 1898.

You are authorized to pay Parker Handy in gold coin for last purchase.

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq.Mar. 29th 1898.

Supt. &c.

New York City.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "You are authorized to pay Parker Handy in gold coin for last purchase."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

August Belmont & Co.March 29th 1898.

New York City.

Your offer declined.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mining.

Messrs. August Belmont & Co.March 29th 1898.

Bankers, New York.

Gentlemen:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "Your offer declined."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

We think the present London rate 54 $\frac{3}{8}$ pence rather high to justify purchasing for delivery at Philad^a or New York. H. R. L.

J. B. Kunkel, Esq.Mar. 29th 1898.

Baltimore Furnace

Frederick Co. Md.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 28th inst. advising of the shipment by a Express of a package containing five samples of ore.

The ore has been received and I have today

transmitted it to the Mint at Philadelphia for assay.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

M. J. Gonzales, Esq.

March 30th. 1898.

Assayer, U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 20th inst., submitting the name of Mr. E. N. Thayer, for the office of clerk at your Mint now vacant.

From what you state in relation to the character and qualifications of Mr. Thayer, I would be quite willing to approve his appointment, but being under the impression that the services of a clerk are not necessary, I will defer action upon it until the question of reopening your Mint for coinage shall have been decided upon by Congress.

Should coinage be authorized there will be time enough for the clerk to qualify himself for duty during the time which will be necessary to put your Mint in condition for coinage operations.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

March 30th. 1898.

We cannot make out whether the offer is one hundred and twenty and one quarter cents per ounce or one hundred and twenty-five cents.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.Mar. 30th. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official viz: "We cannot make out whether the offer is one hundred and twenty and one quarter cents per ounce, or one hundred and twenty five cents."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Maj. J. J. Dana,Mar. 30th. 1878.

Br. Master U. S. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day requested Messrs. Orr, Hess and Morgan of your City, to deliver to you certain Ingot mould, which I have to request that you will ship to the Mint of the U. S. at Carson City, Nevada, in accordance with General Orders "66, Head Quarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, July 24, 1876, and have the bills for freight transmitted for settlement as therein indicated.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

 Jas. B. Colgate & Co.March 30th. 1878.

47 Wall St. N. Y.

We will purchase the lot offered at the equivalent of today's London rate at current rates of sterling exchange say one hundred and twenty and seven tenths cents per ounce fine.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. J. B. Colgate, & Co.
47 Wall St. N. Y.

March 30th 1878.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "We will purchase the lot offered at the equivalent of today's London rates at current rates of sterling exchange pay one hundred and twenty and seven tenths cents per ounce fine."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Wm. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

March 30th 1878.

Sir:

I return herewith for payment the account in duplicate of George Morgan, Leg. for services as Special Engraver at your Mint, for the month of March instant, with my approval.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

George Morgan, Leg.
436 S. 40th St.
Philadelphia.

Mar. 30th 1878.

Sir:

Your account for services as Special Engraver at the U. S. Mint Philadelphia, for the month of March instant, has been approved, and referred to the Superintendent for payment.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Francis German, U. S. S.Mar. 30th 1878.

Dear Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 15th inst. in which you request an expression of my views as to the necessity and advisability of establishing a mint at Omaha, Nebraska, I have the honor to state that with the additional facilities at the Mints at Philadelphia and San Francisco, which have been provided since the passage of the Silver Dollar Coinage Act, I estimate the present coinage capacity to be sufficient to meet the requirements of existing laws.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Messrs. Orr, Hays and MorganMarch 30th 1878.

1219 Ballouhill St.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen;

I have your letter of the 29th inst. in relation to the cost of shipping the Ingot moulds for the Carson Mint by Express.

I have decided to have them shipped by freight, and have to request that you will call upon Major J. J. Dana, Dr. Master U. S. A. in your City, and make arrangements to deliver the moulds to him for shipment. I have requested Maj. Dana to receive and ship these moulds.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Parker HandyMarch 30th 1898.

24 Nassau St. N. Y.

We will take it at the equivalent of today's London quotation current rate of exchange pay one hundred and twenty and seven tenth cents per ounce fines.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mining.

Parker Handy, Esq.Mar. 30th 1898.

24 Nassau St.

New York.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "We will take it at the equivalent of today's London quotation current rate of exchange, say, one hundred and twenty and seven tenths cents per ounce fines".

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. L. Acton, Esq.April 1st 1898.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

We purchased on the 30th ult. of Parker Handy, Esq. fifty thousand ounces fine silver for delivery at your office, which you will please receive and pay for in gold coin at the rate of 120 7/10 cents per ounce fines.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 1st 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 23rd ult: in which you suggest that a slight change be made in the Counter in the receiving-room, and give a sketch of the proposed change.

If I understand the matter correctly, visitors would pass in front of the vault in the receiving-room for the purpose of passing into the melting room.

If you should think that visitors passing in front of the door of this vault, would not expose the contents of the vault, I see no objection to the proposed alteration.

With this suggestion, I leave the matter entirely to your good judgment.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Henry L. Dodge, Esq.

April 1st 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I will thank you to cause to be prepared and transmitted to this Office a statement of the foreign imports and exports of bullion and coin at San Francisco, for each month since the first of July last.

The statement should show among other things, the amount of Mexican dollars received at San Francisco and the amount of Trade Dollars and Mexican dollars respectively exported to China and Japan. Also the amount of fine Silver exported. A monthly

Statement of this character will hereafter be made to this Office.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

H. C. Fahnestock

April 1st 1898.

94 Broadway, N.Y.

Offer declined.

H. R. Linderman.
Director Mining.

Similar telegram sent to
August Belmont & Co.
New York City.

H. C. Fahnestock, Esq.

April 1st 1898.

94 Broadway, N.Y.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "Offer declined."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Having an ample supply for the Philad^a Mint we are not desirous of purchasing at present rates for delivery there, but are prepared to consider offers for delivery at San Francisco.

H. R. L.

Similar letter addressed to
Messrs. August Belmont & Co.

Bankers

New York City.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 1st 1848.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philad^a.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be struck and transmitted to this Office as soon as may be practicable, a Life Saving Medal of the First Class (in gold), together with your account for the same, including the case and engraving of the inscription.

You will cause the following to be inscribed thereon. "To John Hursey, for rescuing on two occasions persons from drowning at the great risk of his life, Feb'y 15th & 16th 1847."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

April 1st 1848.Philad^a.

It is important that you coin silver dollars to your full capacity this month. Please report by letter condition of dies and when those for Western Mints will be ready to forward.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 1st 1848.Philad^a.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "It is important that you coin silver dollars to your full capacity this month. Please report by letter condition of dies and when those for Western Mints will be ready to forward."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Phila.

April 1st 1848.

Sir:

Enclosed please find check for \$6.¹⁰ which I suppose will be sufficient to pay for six specimen or pattern dollar pieces last forwarded. If not I will remit any balance, on being advised of same.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philad.

April 1st 1848.

Sir:

I transmit by Expp. today, a small specimen of one which I will thank you to have assayed as early as may be practicable, and the result communicated to this Office.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint.
 Phila.

April 1st 1848.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 30th ult. returning for the two gold dollars enclosed in my letter of the 29th ult., one silver dollar of the new coinage, and one gold dollar of 1848.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jno. Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 1st 1878.

Sir:

There are now on hand at the Philadelphia Mint about four hundred thousand standard silver dollars and I expect that the daily deliveries during this month, will be about fifty thousand dollars.

In view of the large amount of silver bullion to be received at that Mint for a month or two to come, and the necessity of using the vaults for the storage of the same I respectfully recommend that the amount of silver dollars now on hand be transferred to the Treasurer of the U. S., and that transfers of that coin to the amount of say three hundred thousand dollars per week be thereafter made.

I have the honor to be, &c
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.
U. S. Mint, Philad^a.

April 1st 1878.

Sir:

The 1st Auditor has called the attention of this Office to the Sub-Voucher of Metropolitan Hotel with your account for expenses from October 21st to the 31st inclusive.

You will observe that the voucher is rendered as against M. V. Davis & Wife. It furthermore appears that the bill was originally for one and three quarter days, and has been changed to two and three quarter days.

You will return the voucher with your explanation thereof.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Parker Handy, Esq.April 1st 1878.

27 Nassau St.

New York.

Sir:

I have instructed the Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to receive and make payment for the fifty thousand 50,000 ounces of fine silver purchased of you on the 30th ult. at the rate of one hundred and twenty and seven tenths cents per ounce, payable in gold coins.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

April 1st 1878.Carson Nevada.

State by wire approximate amount of silver bullion in bullion fund close of business thirtieth ultimo.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Gas. Crawford, Esq.April 2nd 1878.

Supt. Mint

Carson. Nev.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you yesterday is hereby made official, viz:

"State by wire approximate amount of silver bullion in bullion fund close of business thirtieth ultimo."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Canon, Nev.

April 1st 1878.

Sir:

Agreeable to the request contained in yours of the 25th ult., I enclose herewith duplicate Bill, and Bill of Lading for the Draw Bench Chain recently shipped to your Mint by Messrs. Orr, Hess & Morgan, of Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

April 2nd 1878.

Sir:

The new silver dollar hubs having been completed, and the dies made therefrom found to work satisfactorily, ten pairs of working dies for your Mint are now being struck and will be forwarded on Monday next.

We have had considerable difficulty with the dies made from the first hubs, which appeared to sink a little soon after their use was commenced.

Referring to your letter of the 25th ult., received today, I have to state, that when the coinage of the new silver dollar shall have commenced, the same may be exchanged at par for gold coins of legal weight.

I have today instructed the Supt. of the Mint at Philad^a to have, in addition to the ten pairs of dies to be sent on Monday next, prepared and forwarded to your Mint, fifteen pairs as soon thereafter as practicable.

Respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

April 2^d. 1878.

Offer of Hong Kong Banking Company to
 sell one hundred thousand ounces fine silver at
 one dollar twenty and one fifth cents per ounce
 accepted.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 2^d. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today, is hereby
 made official, viz: "Offer of Hong Kong Banking Company
 to sell one hundred thousand ounces fine
 silver at one dollar twenty and one fifth cents
 per ounce accepted."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

B. L. Wright, Esq.

April 2^d. 1878.

Bulletin, San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a Statement of the Coinage
 executed at the Mint at Philadelphia during
 the month of March, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

April 2. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday reporting the condition of the silver dollar coinage, and stating that you expect to be able to forward on Monday next, ten pairs of silver dollar dies to the Mint at San Francisco and at the same time an equal number for the Mint at Carson.

It will be necessary to prepare and forward, as soon as possible, thereafter, fifteen pairs silver-dollar dies to the San Francisco Mint, and five pairs to the Carson Mint.

I suppose, considering the capacity of these two mints respectively, that dies will be consumed in the proportion indicated.

I trust that the hardening dept. under the foremanship of A. W. Straub, will give us better results than recently experienced.

It will be necessary for the work of manufacturing the dies, to be pushed with all possible energy, in order to keep up the working supply at the three mints, and you will be particular to impress the Engravers with this fact.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint

April 2. 1878.

Philadelphia.

London quotation for silver today is fifty-four and a quarter pence.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 2^d. 1848.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philad^a.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: London quotation for silver today is fifty-four and a quarter pence.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

April 2^d. 1848.

Supt. Mint, &c

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Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information, the duplicate invoices of 18 pells of Ingot Monies recently shipped to you by Messrs. Orr, Hess and Morgan of Philadelphia

The $\frac{1}{2}$ for the same has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the Appropriation for the coinage of standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

April 2^d. 1848.

Supt. U. S. Mint

carem lity.

Sir:

I return herewith for the signature of the proper officer Silver Mint Receipt ²³⁶ belonging to your Bullion $\frac{1}{2}$ s for the 1st. quarter, 1847.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 2^d. 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia to be increased four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000.) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

This increase is rendered necessary in order to enable the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to pay for the Silver Bullion recently purchased.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jones & Price
Baltimore,
Md.

April 2^d. 1878.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 28th. ult. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, inquiring whether any Half or Quarter dollars were coined in 1859, has been referred to this Office.

I transmit you by current mail, a copy of my Annual Report for 1877, on page 28 of which you will find a table showing the amount of each denomination of Silver coin manufactured each year at the U. S. Mints.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint

April 2, 1878.

San Francisco.

Silver dollar dies will be forwarded
on Monday next.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nev.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 2, 1878.

Supt. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby
made official: Silver dollar dies will be forwarded
on Monday next.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Messrs. J. and W. Seligman & Co.

April 2, 1878.

New York.

Gentlemen:

We will purchase two hundred and
fifty thousand ounces fine silver at the rate of
one hundred and twenty cents per ounce fine,
deliverable and payable at the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Meiers, Orr, Hays and Morgan
1219 Callowhill St.
Philadelphia.

April 2^d 1848.

Gentlemen:

Your 96 for 18 sets of Ingot moulds furnished by you for the Mint of the U. S. at Carson City Nevada, has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount ^{\$}315. will be forwarded to you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

H. C. Bahnestock

April 2^d 1848.

94 Broadway, N. Y. City.

The equivalent of the London rate deliverable at the Mint in San Francisco.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

H. C. Bahnestock

April 2^d 1848.

94 Broadway, N. Y.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official. "The equivalent of the London rate deliverable at the Mint in San Francisco."

Respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

August Belmont & Co.

April 2^d 1848.

New York City.

Offer declined.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

August Belmont & Co.April 2^d, 1878.

New York City.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you this day
is hereby made official: "Offer declined".

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Assayer, U. S. MintApril 3^d, 1878.Denver, Colorado.

Three hundred and forty one dollars and
seventy five cents.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Herman Silver, Esq.April 3^d, 1878.

Assayer et

Denver, Col.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is
hereby made official, viz: Three hundred and
forty one dollars and seventy five cents.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 3^d, 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find a gold dollar for which
I will thank you to return to this Office a
proof silver dollar of 412½ grains.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 3^d 1898.

Lieut. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2^d inst.
enclosing statements of minor coinage operations
for March, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Telegram.

H. C. FahnestockApril 3^d 1898.

94 Broadway New York.

First and on basis current rate of
sterling exchange.

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

H. C. FahnestockApril 3^d 1898.

94 Broadway, New York.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is
heretby made official, viz: "First and on basis
current rate of sterling exchange."

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Telegram.

James B. Bolgate & Co.April 3^d 1898.

47 Wall St. New York.

Your offer declined.

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Messrs. J. B. Colgate, & Co.

April 3^d, 1878.

47 Wall St. New York.

Gentlemen,

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "Your offer declined."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint

April 3^d, 1878.

Carson, Nevada.

We have no report of your coinage for March.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Col. Crawford, Lieut.

April 3^d, 1878.

Subt. &c.

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "We have no report of your coinage for March."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

April 4th, 1878.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment, the Bullion &c of the Subt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson City, for the Quarter ended December 31st, 1877.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Mon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

April 4th 1878.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday transmitting the report of a Committee appointed to examine the cutting engine of the Mint.

According to this report, and in which you concur, it appears that the present engine is insufficient for the work now demanded of it, and that its capacity cannot be increased, and also that a new engine is deemed necessary.

You further suggest that sealed proposals to furnish and put up a new engine be invited by letter addressed to leading responsible manufacturers in your City.

I concur in your views, and you are hereby authorized to invite sealed proposals and award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

I note your statement that the present cutting engine need not be displaced to make room for the new one, and that it is proposed to retain the old one to guard against unforeseen emergencies.

By this I understand that the construction and putting up of a new engine will not cause any interruption to the operations of the Mint.

With the above instructions the whole matter is left to your discretion.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 4th 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find a gold dollar for which I will thank you to return this Office a proof silver dollar of 412½ grain.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.April 4th 1878.

Supt. Mint

Barren.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for settlement your Bullion $\frac{1}{2}$ s for the 4th quarter of the calendar year, 1877.

I return herewith silver transfer order "1920 which was forwarded with your accounts through mistake. I desire again to request that you will make the balance on hand as shown by your "Summary Statement" conform with your "Balance Sheet."

There is no good reason why your Summary statement should show balances different from what appear in your Accounts.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Lazard BrothersApril 4th 1878.

65 Pine St. N. Y. City.

Your offer declined.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Messrs. Lazard FreresApril 4th 1878.

65 Pine St. New York.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today
is hereby made official, viz: "Your offer declined."

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

H. P. Smith Esq.April 4th 1878.

193 Washington St.

New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd inst. relative
to the coinage executed at the Mints as shown by
the tabular statements in the Reports of the
Director of the Mint, the "gold dollar" etc.

Previous to the passage of the Act of
February 21st 1857, the reports of the Director were
made for calendar years, but that Act provided
that thereafter the reports were to be made for
fiscal years.

In the coinage statements therefore,
the amounts as shown for 1857 were coined from
January 1st 1857 to June 30th 1857, and after this
last date, each year comprises a period from
June 30 to June 30 of the succeeding year or the
last six months and first six months of
successive calendar years.

I am unable to furnish you with the
address of Mr. Hubbell, the inaugurator of the
project for a "gold dollar." Mr. Hubbell was
furnished with one piece for himself and
one piece for each member of the House Committee
on Coinage, Weights & Measures.

I send you by current mail copies of my
report for 1873 and 1875, the supply for 1874 has

long since been exhausted.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Telegram.

Sept. Mint

San Francisco

April 4th 1898.

Offer of Anglo Californian and California Banks at one dollar and twenty and one fifth cents per ounce fine deliverable and payable at your Mint accepted Sellers to pay parting charge.

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 4th 1898.

Sept. Mint.

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made official viz: "Offer of Anglo Californian and California Banks at one dollar and twenty and one fifth cents per ounce fine deliverable and payable at your Mint accepted. Sellers to pay parting charge."

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Telegram.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.

New York City.

April 4th 1898.

Your offers of yesterday declined.

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.April 4th 1878.

Bankers. New York.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "Your Offers of yesterday declined."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

A. C. Lewis, Esq.April 4th 1878.

Hon. Secretary Royal Society

New South Wales

Sydney. Australia.

Sir:

I take great pleasure in sending to your address by this day's mail, a copy of my Report for the year 1873, and one for 1876.

I regret my inability to send you the report for the year 1874, the supply having long since been exhausted.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 4th 1878.

Lieut. &c.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

On and after the 5th inst. you will make payment for silver parted from gold in silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

J. C. Acton, Esq.

Lieut. U. S. Army Office, N.Y.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.April 4th. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

As soon as you shall have commenced the coinage of Silver dollars, you will make payment for Silver parted from gold in silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Canon, Nev.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.April 5th. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has decided that he will not purchase Silver Bullion at a price above the equivalent of the London rate computed on the current rate of exchange and deliverable at the Mints without freight or charge.

He is quite willing to place our own producers upon an equality with holders in Europe, but beyond this he expresses his firm determination not to go.

You are authorized to make public this information.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

April 5th 1878.

Coinage of Standard Silver dollars.

H. R. Lindemann
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 5th 1878.

Sept. 22.

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "Coinage of Standard Silver dollars."

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
 Director.

Geo. Morgan, Esq.

April 5th 1878.

Special Engraver

Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

The Silver dollars sent me yesterday by the Superintendent show a very decided improvement of the Reverse, but it seems to me that the Head of Liberty on the Obverse is still too much in relief. Of course, I do not pretend to understand these technical matters and only throw out this suggestion in order that you may carefully consider the point.

When two coins are piled one on top of the other the obverse, the Heads of Liberty come very nearly in contact, and it would seem that after some wear of the rim, there will be attrition of the principal device. I should like to hear from you on this point at your convenience.

I fear that unless we have better luck with steel & in hardening it will be

difficult to keep three mints supplied with working dies. I hope however for the best, but confess I am a little anxious upon the subject.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 4th 1878.

Sir:

Section 3524 of the Revised Statutes provides that the charges for parting and refining gold and silver bullion shall be fixed from time to time by the Director, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treasury, so as to equal but not exceed, in their judgment, the actual average cost to each mint and assay office, of the material, labor, wastage and use of machinery employed in each of the cases aforementioned.

It appears from the accompanying letters of the Superintendent and the Melters & Refiners of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, that the present rate of charges on certain grades of bullion is greater than is necessary to cover the actual expenses incurred in parting or refining.

I therefore respectfully request your approval to the following tariff of charges for parting and refining gold and silver bullion at the U. S. Assay Office at New York:

Parting.

Bullion containing

Less than 200 π gold	1 cent per oz. gross.
200 π to 399 $\frac{1}{2}$ π "	2 " " " "
400 π to 699 $\frac{1}{2}$ π "	3 " " " "
700 π (and over), "	4 " " " "

(over)

Refining.

Silver bullion containing -

Less than 897 $\frac{77}{100}$ Silver $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents per oz. gross.897 $\frac{77}{100}$ to 999 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{77}{100}$ " 1 " " " "980 $\frac{77}{100}$ to 999 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{77}{100}$ " $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " "

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Approved:

John Sherman

Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. John Sherman.April 5th 1878.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of James Pollock, Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia for the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars, payable from the appropriation contained in the first section of an Act - to authorize the issue of the Standard silver dollar ex. passed Feb'y 28th 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Messrs. August Belmont & Co.April 5th 1878.

New York City.

Gentlemen:

I have sent to the Sup't. of the Mint at Philad^a, a copy of your letter of yesterday, and requested that the silver sold by you be received and settled for as indicated in your letter.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Telegram. Messrs. Smithers and Watson

April 5th, 1898.

59 Wall St. N. Y. City.

Your letter of third forwarded from Philadelphia received this morning and will be replied to by mail today.

H. R. Lindenmann
Director.

Messrs. Smithers and Watson

April 5th, 1898.

59 Wall St. N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "Your letter of third forwarded from Philadelphia received this morning and will be replied to by mail today."

Very respectfully
H. R. Lindenmann
Director.

C. F. Smithers & W. Watson,

April 5th, 1898.

Agents, Bank of Montreal,

P. O. Box 543, New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 3rd inst. forwarded from Philadelphia and in which you request us to name the price at which we will purchase 45 bars of silver to arrive was received this morning.

In reply I have to state that the Department will pay for silver bullion only the equivalent of the London rate, computed at the current rate of exchange, without freight or charge, delivered at the Mint or Assay Office in your City.

We will consider at any time an offer based upon the above condition.

Very respectfully
H. R. Lindenmann
Director.

Mrs. L. Acton, Esq.April 5th 1898.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 2^d inst., enclosing a communication from the Melter and Refiner relative to a proposed reduction in the charges for parting and refining bullion at your Office, I have to inform you that upon your Statement and that of the Melter & Refiner, the following rate of charges has been adopted with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treasury, viz:

Parting.

Bullion containing

Less than 200 π gold	1 cent per oz. gross.
200 π to 399 $\frac{1}{2}$ π "	2 " " " "
400 π to 699 $\frac{1}{2}$ π "	3 " " " "
700 π 'and over, "	4 " " " "

Refining.

Silver bullion containing

Less than 897 π silver	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per oz. gold.
897 π to 999 $\frac{1}{2}$ π "	1 " " " "
980 π to 999 $\frac{1}{2}$ π "	$\frac{1}{2}$ " " " "

You are hereby authorized and instructed to carry into effect the foregoing rate of charges as early as may be practicable.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office
New York.April 5th 1898.

One hundred twenty and seven tenths cents.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.April 5th 1878.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official viz: 'One hundred twenty and seven tenths cents.'

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.J. C. Acton, Esq.April 5th 1878.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information copy of my letter of the 1st inst. advising you of the purchase on the 30th ult. of 50,000 grs. fine silver from Parker, Hardy, Esq. at 120 $\frac{7}{10}$ cents gold.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Hon. Jas. PollockApril 5th 1878.Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia

Sir:

On the 2^d inst. I requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the Bullion Fund of your mint to be increased four million five hundred ^{thousand} dollars \$4,500,000 by a transfer of that sum in gold coin, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philade.

April 5th 1848.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Assistant Treasurer at St. Louis, Mo. has been directed to ship to your Mint all the coin boxes in his possession, in good condition and not needed for use in his office.

The Assistant Treasurer reports that they can be shipped at a cost not exceeding ten cents per box.

You will please receive the same and pay the freight charges thereon from the Contingent fund of your Mint upon receipt of the shipment.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint, Phila.

April 5th 1848.

Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of letter of August Belmont & Co. in reference to the amount of silver deliverable under their sales of March 9th & 12th; and also their third sale. As the offers of that firm were for about the quantity, the deliveries and settlement will be made as indicated in the enclosed communication.

Deliveries of less amounts than we supposed will be rather to the advantage of the Government silver being now offered at 120.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,April 5th 1848.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philad^a.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday making requisition for a book of minor Coinage redemption certificates, and have this day made requisition upon the Public Printer for the same, this will ordinarily have to take its regular course, but ^{should} the necessity for it become urgent, you will please advise this Office, and the requisition will be made "Special".

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 5th 1848.Supt. U. S. Mint. Phil^a.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of Thirty-three Thousand Dollars, from the following appropriations, viz: Salaries — 1848 — — \$5,000.
Wages of Workmen — " — — 30,000.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 5th 1848.Supt. Mint. Phil^a.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday enclosing Certificates of Deposit "4154 for \$318.94 coin on account of Parting, Refining and Bar Charges.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 5th. 1848.

Supt. &

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 4th. instant.
enclosing one proof dollar of the new coinage.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 5th. 1848.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadel^a.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to
cause to be advanced you the sum of Fifteen Thousand
Dollars, for the manufacture of Standard Silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. M. Langsdorf, Esq.April 5th. 1848.

Chairman, Citizens of Ogden.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the
30th. ult. setting forth the advantages of the
City of Ogden as a site for the U. S. Mint or
Assay Office.

Your communication will receive
due attention in case I should be called upon
to give an official opinion upon the subject.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Chas. D. Hubach, Esq.

85 Harrison St. Canton
Baltimore, Md.

April 5th 1898.

Sir:

Your communication to the Secretary of the Treasury of the 28th ult. in relation to an improved process for manufacturing gold and silver coins, claimed to have been invented by you, has been referred to this Office.

Whilst your process is an ingenious one it cannot, I think, be regarded as practicable in coinage.

As requested, your communication is herewith returned.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Lazard Bros.

65 Pine St. N. Y.

April 5th 1898.

Gentlemen;

I have received your letter of yesterday in which you give a copy of cable received from your Paris House.

Our supply of silver bullion at Philadelphia and New York being quite sufficient for our purposes, we do not consider ourselves at liberty to accept any offers at a price above the equivalent of the London rate computed at the current rate of exchange, otherwise we should be glad to consider your proposition.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

J. B. Colgate & Co.April 5th, 1898.

New York City.

We are not purchasing above the equivalent of the London rate computed on current rate of exchange.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co.April 5th, 1898.

New York City.

Gentlemen,

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "We are not purchasing above the equivalent of the London rate computed on current rate of exchange."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs.

J. B. Colgate & Co.April 5th, 1898.

47 Wall St.

New York.

Gentlemen,

By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury I have to inform you that the Department will hereafter pay for silver bullion only the equivalent of the London rate, computed at the current rate of exchange without freight or charge delivered at the Mints or Assay Office at New York.

Offers based on the above condition will be considered at any time.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to - - -

Parker Handy, Esq.
24 Nassau St.
New York.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.
Bankers
New York.

V. O. French, Esq.
94 Broadway
New York.

Messrs. August Belmont & Co.
New York City.

Messrs. Lazard Freres
65 Pine St.
New York.

Messrs. Heidelberg, Schelheimers & Co.
New York City
N.Y.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

April 6th 1898.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 31st ult: in which you state that you have transferred Samuel R. Bruster from the Deposit Melting Room to the Assay Dept., I have to request that you will inform me whether this transfer as made, will supersede or interfere with the proper promotion of Mr. Salom.

The latter, you will remember, was by our joint action, assigned to duty in the Assay Dept. some time before Mr. Barter was appointed.

Respectfully
H. R. Lindenman
Director.

Telegram. J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York City.

April 6th 1898.

We are not purchasing at prices above that of the equivalent of the London rates.

H. R. Lindenman
Director Mint.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.
Bankers, New York.

April 6th. 1898.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "We are not purchasing at prices above that of the equivalent of the London rate."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. Silver, Esq.
Mint, U. S.
Denver.

April 6th. 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 30th ult. relative to receiving "Cement Silver" from Messrs. Schryer & Co. of the Denver Reduction Works.

You are hereby authorized to refuse such deposits, if in your opinion the working of the same is impracticable or cannot be done in conformity with Section 2 p. 11, Instructions and Regulations, and you will advise the above named parties accordingly.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, &c.
Philadelphia.

April 6th. 1898.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find one gold dollar for which I will thank you to send me one proof silver dollar of the new coinage.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 6th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Sometime in December last experiments were directed to be made at your Mint upon a new plan for preventing vaporization and loss of the precious metals.

I have now to request that you will inform me what has been done in regard to the trials made, and that you will also transfer a copy of the record of the same to this Office.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 6th 1898.

Supt. Mint.

Philad^a.

Sir:

I return herewith vouchers for Life-Saving Medal of the 1st class, forwarded to this Office on the 5th inst. and will thank you to make them out as against the U. S., and not against the Director of the Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint

April 8th 1898.Philadelphia.

Newspapers report arrival of new silver dollar dies at San Francisco. Can this be so.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 8th, 1878.

Supt. Mint, &c.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official viz: Newspapers report arrival of new Silver dollar dies at San Francisco. Can this be so."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 8th, 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philad^a.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th inst. enclosing a communication from the Coiner reporting a crack in the arch of the No. 7 coining press, which renders it worthless for the coining of dollars.

You are hereby authorized to have a new arch made and the press put into effective condition with the least practicable delay.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 8th, 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philad^a.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your medal $\frac{1}{4}$ for the quarter ended March 31st 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 8th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst. enclosing certificates of deposit for \$187 coin, and \$450 currency, on account of Profits on Medals, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 8th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Phila.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Refining Expenses, &c for the month of March, 1898; - also, your Account for the manufacture of Standard Silver dollars for the same period.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Chas. J. Stauch, Esq.April 6th 1898.611 N. 7th St. Philad^a.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 4th inst. stating that you are willing to undertake to make sketches for proposed new designs for coins for the sum of \$100. for the obverse and reverse of each coin.

As it would require a special appropriation by Congress to enable us to pay the above amount, you will defer making the sketches.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. Silver, Esq.April 8th 1898.Assayer in Chg. Mint, U. S.
Denver. Col.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2^d inst. transmitting
classified statements of the business of your Office
during the month of March, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
Director.H. Silver, Esq.April 8th 1898.Assayer in Charge,
Mint, Denver.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion
℥s, Abstract & Voucher, for the 1st quarter of the calendar
year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
Director.H. Silver, Esq.April 8th 1898.Assayer in Charge,
Mint, Denver.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Ordinary Expense ℥ for the month of March, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

April 8th 1848.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of Fourteen thousand Dollars from the following appropriations viz:

Salaries - - - 1848 - - - 2,000.

Wages of Workmen - - - 8,000.

Contingent Expenses - - - 4,000.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Crawford,

April 8th 1848.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City.

Sir:

The reinstatement of Workmen and Adjusters and changes in the force of your Mint submitted in your communication of the 29th ult., are hereby approved.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

April 8th 1848.

Supt. Mint. U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have received your Statements of silver purchased from 1st to 23rd March, 1848.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

C. J. Cordes, Esq.April 8th. 1878.

Assayer in Charge

Charlotte Assay Office.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion
 lbs for the quarter ended March 31st. 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

C. J. Cordes, Esq.April 8th. 1878.

Assayer in Chg.

Charlotte Assay Office.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current
 month has been approved for the sum of \$123.⁶⁰ from
 the following appropriation viz:

Salaries — — 1878 — — \$123.⁶⁰

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. B. Funkel, Esq.April 8th. 1878.

Caloclin Furnaces

Frederick Co. Md.

Sir:

The pamphlets of ore transmitted by you to this
 Office on the 28th. ult. have been assayed at the
 Mint at Philadelphia, and the Assayer
 reports that they are of no value as regards
 gold or silver.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.April 8th 1848.

Supt. &c.

San Francisco.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 30th. ult. enclosing a memorandum of the purchases of fine silver bullion at your Mint from March 12th. to 30th. '1848, inclusive.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 9th 1848.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have to request that you will cause to be struck for Master H. C. J. Nye and J. L. Hunsicker, U. S. N. life saving medals of the second class (in silver), and transmit the same with your account, including the cases and engraving to this Office.

You will please cause one of the Medals to be inscribed as follows, viz: "To Master H. C. J. Nye, U. S. N. for gallant efforts in rescuing from drowning Lieut. James Franklin U. S. N. Sept. 1. 1845;" and the other, "To Master J. L. Hunsicker U. S. N. for gallant efforts in rescuing from drowning Lieut. James Franklin, U. S. N. Sept. 1st 1845."

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 9th. 1848.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 8th inst. advising this Office of the shipment to the Western Mints of twenty pairs of dies and twelve collars for the standard silver dollar, together with suggestions as to the proper mode of treating the dies, hardening &c.

I have to request that a copy of these suggestions be transmitted to this Office and in future whenever any special directions are sent to the Western Mints you will forward copies of the same for file in this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 9th. 1848.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philad^a.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be struck for Thomas Mc Bride, a life saving medal of the first class (in gold) and the following inscribed upon it, "To Thomas Mc Bride, for rescuing on several occasions, persons from drowning, at the great risk of his life, 1844 to 1848."

You will please transmit this medal together with your account and that for case and engraving to this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 9th 1848.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philad^a.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing a new form of Abstract Sheet for recording Purchases of Silver Bullion has been received.

The form is approved and returned herewith.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 9th 1848.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philad^a.

Sir:

I transmit herewith in duplicates, Medal Fund Voucher for one gold Life-Saving Medal of the 1st class forwarded by you to this office on the 5th inst.

The account for this medal has been approved and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for settlement.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 9th 1848.Supt. Mint, Phil^a.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a gold dollar, for which I will thank you to return to this office a proof silver dollar of 412 1/2 grains.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 9th. 1878.

Lieut. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday enclosing Statement of Purchases of Domestic Silver Bullion at your Mint for the month of March ultimo.

I send as per request, Blank Statements for your use.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. Silver, Esq.April 9th. 1878.

Assayer in Charge

Mint, Denver.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$1,147. from the following appropriations viz:

Salaries	- - - 1878	- - - \$655.25
Wages of Workmen	- - - "	- - - 341.75
Contingent Expenses	- - - "	- - - 150.00

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. Silver, Esq.April 9th. 1878.

Assayer in Chg. Mint. U. S.

Denver.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 4th inst. transmitting Abstract of ore assays at your Mint, for the quarter ended March 31st. 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. John ShermanApril 9th 1878.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the account of James Pollock, Sept. 4. U. S. Mint at Philad^a for one gold Life Saving Medal of the 1st class for John Hussey, furnished in compliance with your request of the 30th ult. amounting to \$67.25 of which sum \$62. is to be paid in gold coin, and the balance \$5.25 in currency.

I have the honor to be res.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. John ShermanApril 9th 1878.

Secretary of the Treasury

Dear Sir:

The Sept. of the Carson Mint telegraphs that they are out of work for want of silver bullion. He further states that he has ready for stamping 550,000 silver dollar blanks. The dies were forwarded from Philad^a yesterday, both for Carson & San Francisco.

I do not deem it proper to take any action with reference to furnishing the workmen at Carson until after your return.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Telegram. Sept. Mint

April 9th 1878.Carson. Nevada.

The Secretary adheres firmly to his determination not to pay above equivalent of London rate for Silver. You are authorized to make this public.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Jas. L. Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Carson, Nev.

April 9th 1898.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "The Secretary adheres firmly to his determination not to pay above equivalent of London rate for silver. You are authorized to make this public."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Thos. L. Acton, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York City.

April 9th 1898.

Sir:

A few years prior to your appointment as Superintendent an important innovation in the accounting for the proceeds of sweeps sold on account of the Assay Office occurred. The Sweeps instead of being sold for gold and silver as had been the custom for a long time, and the proceeds returned to the Bullion Fund, were sold for currency, & the latter held in the Superintendent's vault and to be held there until paper should come to par. I refer to these matters from memory. I will thank you to look over the records of the office and see what papers covering the innovation referred to can be found. I would like to know by what authority the practice was changed, & how long it continued before a return was made to the old and lawful custom.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon. H. B. BanningApril 9th 1878.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your note of yesterday I have to state that Mr. Franklin Guiterman's name is held under consideration for any opportunity that may occur to employ him. We make no changes at the Mints except for cause, and the opportunities for appointments are not frequent.

I need scarcely add that I shall be very glad to oblige you in this matter if occasion offers.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.April 9th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 1st inst. in relation to the increase of the compensation of R. P. Franklin, Helper in the Melters & Refiners Dept. of your Mint, I have to say that if after a full consideration of the case you should think proper to recommend that his compensation be increased to \$3.50 per diem, I shall be pleased to approve it.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

W. V. DavisApril 9th 1878.U. S. Mint, Philad^a

Please come here this afternoon.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

M. V. Davis Esq.

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

April 9th, 1848.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "Please come here this afternoon."

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

April 10th, 1848.

Sir:

I learn that excellent results have followed the change in the Foremanship of the Engraver's dept, also, that the new silver dollar dies are holding out better than at first. This is gratifying as it gives hope that the requisite number of dies for the three mints can be produced.

I await with some anxiety the result of the trial of the Dollar Dies which were forwarded to the Western Mints on Monday last. To guard against unforeseen accidents it will be necessary for you to have forwarded to the Western Mints additional silver dollar dies as fast as they can be prepared.

I note a decided improvement in the execution of the silver dollar, but I think there is room for some further slight improvement.

I have had some correspondence with Mr. Morgan in which I suggested for his careful consideration, whether the Head of Liberty was not still too much in relief. He says that the more recent coinage shows the head to be low enough in relief. It occurs to me that the rim or border of the coin is rather pinched not full enough. I make no pretensions to knowledge

on these technical points, and would have no attempt at any alterations made unless clearly indicated as to the necessary and practicable. I should think that Mr. Straub & Mr. Downing could tell us as to whether the rim of the coins is as it should be.

I would be glad if you will quietly examine the matters herein referred to and write me the results. Of course nothing in the way of alteration must be undertaken that would in any way risk what has already been accomplished.

It is rather curious that the Arch of a Press at Carson which was made at the same time that the one which cracked at your Mint last week was made, should have given away last September and in the same manner. Probably the tenacity of the metal becomes less with long usage.

Please give me your views as to the number of dies which can be prepared and sent West weekly or monthly, keeping up at the same time the requisite supply at your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philad.^a

April 10. 1848.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense $\$$ for the month of March, 1848.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia.

April 10th. 1848.

Please send by express Life saving medal for McBrides on Friday next.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 10th. 1848.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official viz: "Please send by Express Life saving medal for Mc. Brides on Friday next."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

April 10th. 1848.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of Five thousand Dollars from the following appropriations:

Salaries	1848	\$2,800.
Wages of Workmen	"	1,700.
Contingent Expenses	"	500.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.

April 10th. 1848.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

advance you the sum of \$6000.00 in gold coin payable from the appropriation for "Packing and Refining Bullion."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. David Davis, U. S. S.

April 10th 1898.

U. S. Senate Chamber.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of letter of James Crawford, Supt. of U. S. Mint at Carson Nev., which was received today in reference to the application of Mrs. Gregg for a position in that mint, and which is in answer to your note upon the subject, which note was referred by me to Mr. Crawford.

Yours very truly

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

April 10th 1898.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Carson. Nev.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd inst. transmitting statements of coins received for Annual Assay, from deliveries made by the barries of your mint, for the quarter ended March 31st 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Cranford Esq.April 10th 1898.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Carm. Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd inst enclosing certificate of deposit for \$393.57, on account of Parting and Refining Bullion, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Telegram. Parker HandyApril 10th 1898.

24 Nassau St. New York City.

We cannot pay above the equivalent of the London rate computed at current rate of exchange.

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Parker Handy, Esq.April 10th 1898.

24 Nassau St.

New York.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official viz: "We cannot pay above the equivalent of the London rate computed at current rate of exchange"

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.April 10th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

Inasmuch as a general account is kept with the appropriation for "Parting & Refining Bullion," and separate accounts are not kept with the deposits each Mint officer to the credit of this appropriation

in order to prevent advances in excess of the amount deposited by each, you are hereby instructed in making requisitions for funds from this appropriation not to exceed the amount collected at your Mint from depositors for these operations & deposited to the credit of the appropriation.

It will also be necessary in making your requisitions to reserve a sufficient amount to cover the gold wastage of the Melter & Refiner.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford, Esq.

Sup't. Mint. U. S.

Carson. Nev.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 30th 1898.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for \$3,933.98 on account of Parking & Refining Bullion, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 10th 1898.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to advance you the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars in gold coin payable from the appropriation for "Parking & Refining Bullion."

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann Director

Hon. Kenneth Raynor
Solicitor the Treasury.

April 17th. 1848.

Sir

You referred to me on the 16th. February last a letter of Honorable Horace Davis, which letter covered a communication from John Taylor, relative to certain transactions with the San Francisco Mint Officers, and requested such remarks thereon as I might deem proper to make.

In all that Mr. Davis says respecting the standing and character of Mr. John Taylor, I fully concur.

I know nothing whatever of these transactions except as they are related in the testimony given before the U. S. Treasury Commission last Summer.

In order that you may have before you all the information attainable upon the subject, I have caused to be prepared, and herewith hand you, a copy of the testimony given before the Commission in relation to the payment for goods not delivered in the case of John Taylor & Co. and B. H. Ramsdell, both of which cases are of substantially the same character.

I also hand you printed pamphlet containing the laws relating to the Mint, in force at the time these transactions were made, as well as a printed pamphlet of instructions relative to the transaction of business at the Mint of the U. S. and its branches and which were in force at the time of said transactions.

With the information that these documents and pamphlets contain, I doubt not that you will be able to decide where the legal responsibility for the money which was unlawfully taken from the Treasury of the Mint, lies.

The letter of Mr. Davis and its enclosed
PG104 E-235 Vol 015 herewith returned.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Theodore T. Dwight, Esq.

April 11th 1878.

Librarian, State Department.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging your note of yesterday, I have to inform you that a duplicate set of National Medals have been ordered from the Philad.^a Mint for the State Department, and will include all medals of a public character.

It was deemed best to have the medals in duplicates in order that the Obverse & Reverse might be exhibited and the handling of the medals avoided.

Respectfully Yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. O. H. Stephens

April 11th 1878.

Chairman Coinage Com.^{tt}

Dear Sir:

I furnished the Coinage Committee 14th ult: 12 Standard Silver Dollars. Will you please at your convenience have that sum in U. S. Notes sent me in settlement for the silver dollars, & in order that the ac may be closed.

Oblige yours truly
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philad^a.

April 11th. 1848.

Sir,

Acknowledging your letter of yesterday's transmitting copy of the Engraver's suggestions, sent with the dies to the Western Mint, it is proper that I should state, in justice to the Engraver that, if my memory is not at fault, I told him when last at the Mint, that he should do so. I should have mentioned it to you at the time, but forgot it no doubt in my anxiety as to the working of the dies. My reason for requesting copy of instructions was, that we might have the same ready for reference in case we should receive any telegraphic inquiries when the dies came to be tried.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

April 11th. 1848.

Sir,

I will be glad if you can furnish me with a copy, or two, of the printed pamphlet issued in 1867 and containing the laws relative to the Mint of the U. S. and its officers.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 17. 1848.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst. transmitting statements of gold and silver workings of the Coiners Office, for the month of March, 1848.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 17. 1848.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find coin draft on Assistant Treasurer U. S. in your City for \$25. in payment for that amount in Silver dollars, forwarded by you to this Office on the 4th inst.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Herman Silver, Esq.

April 17. 1848.

Attorney U. S. Mint

Denver. Col.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst., enclosing Statement of Earnings and Expenditures of your Mint, for the quarter ending March 31st 1848, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram

Lazard Bros.April 11th, 1898.

65 Pine St. New York.

Your offer declined. We cannot pay more than the equivalent of the London rate computed on current rate of exchange.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Messrs. Lazard Bros.April 11th, 1898.

65 Pine St.

New York.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official, viz: "Your offer declined. We cannot pay more than the equivalent of the London rate computed on current rate of exchange."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.April 11th, 1898.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst. transmitting classified statements of the business of your office during the month of March, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Calvin J. Corbales Esq.April 11th 1848.Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst. transmitting Statement of Earnings at your Office during the quarter ending March 31st 1848, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.H. L. Dodge, Esq.April 11th 1848.Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd inst. enclosing statement showing the condition of your Bullion Fund on the 31st ult., has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.H. Silver, Esq.April 12th 1848.Assayer in Charge
Mint, Denver.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment your Ordinary Expense $\$$ for the month of March, 1848.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

A. Wolters Esq.Assayer in Charge
Boise Assay Office.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 12th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have examined your Ordinary Expense ~~U~~ for the month of March 1878, and have to call your attention to the following items:

Duplicate bill of Jms Jay, Knox for traveling expenses is herewith returned with the request that you will forward the original bill which has the proper certificate attached. There is no occasion to have the duplicate bill sworn to.

I have to call your attention to the fact that the prices paid for Mitts as shown by vouchers 123 & 156, bills of Isabella Horner is in excess of that paid other persons. I will thank you to explain this.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 13th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philad^a.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th inst. enclosing receipted bills and vouchers for one Life Saving Medal (gold, of the first class.

I herewith return the vouchers signed.

Your account for the medal, and also that for the case, and engraving, have been transmitted to the Accounting Officers of the Treasury and in due course of business drafts for the several amounts will be sent you.

The medal has also been received by Express.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann, Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 12th 1898.

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for settlement your Refining Expense and Standard Silver Dollar Accounts for the month of March, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.April 12th 1898.

Assayer in Charge

Boise Assay Office.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$164.⁵⁰ from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	-	-	1898	-	-	-	-	-	\$	164. ⁵⁰
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Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.April 12th 1898.

Assayer in Charge

Boise Assay Office.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Ac for the month of March, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. D. H. Armstrong
U. S. Senate.

April 12th 1898.

Sir:

I have received the letter herewith returned of R. Beardslee, referred by you to this Office with the request that the money questions therein contained be answered.

Mexican dollars, halves and quarters are purchased as bullion at the Mint at Philadelphia and paid for at the equivalent of the London rate for silver on the day of purchase, in gold coin or standard silver dollars. Express charges paid by the Seller.

At today's quotation for silver, 54 pence per ounce British Standard, Mexican silver coins are worth $1.06 \frac{4}{100}$ per ounce troy in gold coin, and at this rate dollar pieces would realize, if full weight, about 93 $\frac{1}{2}$ gold per piece.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. G. L. Fort
House of Representatives.

April 12th 1898.

Sir:

I have received the letter, herewith returned of James H. Shaw referred by you to this Office with the request to be advised what answer to make to Mr. Shaw.

By melting the watchcases into a plug or button and sending it to the Mint at Philadelphia the value will be returned in gold coin. I cannot inform you "about what they will be worth" without knowing the weight & fineness.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director

Messrs. L. Von Hoffmann, & Co.

April 13th 1878.

New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to silver bullion. At present we are not purchasing silver bullion at a price above the equivalent of the London rate, computed at the current rate of exchange.

Your letter will be submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury immediately after his return from your city.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon, Esq.

April 13th 1878.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the following accounts for the month of March, 1878.

Standard Silver Dollar and Refining Expense
of the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint.

Ordinary Expense of the Assayer in
charge of the Denver Mint.

Ordinary Expense of the Assayer in charge
of the Boise City Assay Office.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. O. Branch

April 13th 1878.

94 Broadway, N. Y. City.

The matter cannot be considered until
after the Secretary's return.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

V. O. French, Esq.April 13th 1898.

94 Broadway.

New York. N. Y.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official; "The matter cannot be considered until after the Secretary's return."

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.April 13th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 4th inst. transmitting statements of coins reserved for Annual Assay from deliveries made by the Coiners of your Mint, for the quarter ended March 31st 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.April 13th 1898.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 4th inst. transmitting classified statements of the business of your Mint for the month of March, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

April 12th 1898.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Acs, for the month of March, 1898.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

First Auditor
 Treasury Dept.

April 13th 1898.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary, Refinery, and Subsidiary Silver coinage Expense Acs of the late Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, Genl O. H. LaGrange, for the month of December, 1897.

I also transmit a copy of a letter - to Genl. LaGrange in relation to these accounts and a copy of a letter to the present Superintendent requesting him to examine into certain items of expense which appear in them.

I would say that no answers have been received as yet to these letters.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

1st Auditor.

April 13th 1898.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary & Refinery Expense Acs of the Supt of the New York Assay Office, for the month of March, 1898.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Assay Office

April 13th 1898.New York.

You may take Colgate's second lot of silver not above equivalent of London rate current rate of exchange.

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.April 13th 1898.

Assay Office, U. S.

New York.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "You may take Colgate's second lot of silver, not above equivalent of London rate, current rate of exchange."

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.April 13th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment, your Ordinary and Refinery Expense $\frac{1}{2}$ for the month of March, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Hon. R. B. Vance,

April 13th, 1898.

Committee Coinage Weights & Measures, U. S.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the discussion before your Committee in reference to the "Gold" or bi-metallic Dollar I respectfully suggest that it would be proper to submit the matter to the International Monetary Conference which has been invited by the United States.

If your Committee should decide to have this done, a few specimens of the proposed coin should be furnished the U. S. Commissioner.

This could be done under existing laws and on the application of your Committee to The Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. J. B. Colgate & Co.

April 13th, 1898.

47 Wall St. New York City.

Have despatched Superintendent Acton. See him.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mining.

J. B. Colgate & Co.

April 13th, 1898.

47 Wall St. New York.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "Have despatched Superintendent Acton. See him."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Helmerich & HansenApril 13^d. 1898.

San Francisco.

The Superintendent of the Mint has authority to purchase at the equivalent of London rate computed at current rate of exchange, see him.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Helmerich & HansenApril 13^d. 1898.

San Francisco.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "The Superintendent of the Mint has authority to purchase at the equivalent of London rate, computed at current rate of exchange; see him."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent MintApril 13^d. 1898.San Francisco.

Helmerich & Hansen have asked bid for seventy thousand ounces fine silver deliverable at your Mint have referred them to you with information that you are authorized to purchase at equivalent of London rate.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.April 13^d. 1898.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "Helmerich & Hansen have asked bid for seventy thousand ounces fine

silver deliverable at your Mint, have referred them to you with information that you are authorized to purchase at equivalent of London rates."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 13th 1878.

Subt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to request that you will forward to this Office on receipt thereof thirty silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 13th 1878.

Subt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

On examining one or two of the last gold Life saving medals of the first class, struck at the Mint, I notice that the obverse die is cracked, and so much so as to leave a distinct line on the medal.

In order that I may be able to determine whether a new hub will be required, I have to request that you will cause to be struck and forwarded to me, an impression in copper.

You will also please inform me whether another hub and working die can be conveniently prepared.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

April 15. 1898.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst. in relation to Ockerbridges plan for preventing vaporization and loss of the precious metals, I have to state that all the papers in relation to the matter had better be retained by you until the Melted and Refiner shall have had time to prepare his report on the subject.

There is no hurry about the matter, but let it be reported on as soon as expedient.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint. Philad^a.

April 15. 1898.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of 13th inst, enclosing a communication from the Engraver as to the number of Dies that can be produced per month, also a report from Mr. Downing and Mr. Straub, in which after briefly explaining how the border on the Silver dollar was diminished from its original size, express the opinion that an increased width of border would be advantageous.

In transmitting the papers you express the opinion that further improvement in the new dollar is both practicable and desirable and that the same can be accomplished without interfering with the general design or impairing improvements already made.

The foregoing is in accord with my own views and I desire that the proposed improvement be undertaken as soon as may be

practicable and carefully conducted until accomplished. In so far as it relates to the business of the Engraver I suppose it should be attended to by Mr. Morgan (who engraved the original die), and so far as it relates to or embraces the work usually performed by those dressing up, hardening &c. of the dies, it should be done by Mr. Straub. With these suggestions I leave the matter to your careful discretion.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 15th 1848.

Sup't. Mint. U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 13th inst., transmitting vouchers for signature, and bills for two life saving medals of the second class (silver), for engraving of inscriptions and case for the medals.

These accounts have been transmitted to the Accounting Officers of the Treasury and drafts for the several amounts will be sent you in due course of business.

The vouchers are herewith returned.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 15th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit you by Express today a package containing a sample of ore from Southern California and belonging to the Hon. John P. Jones.

I will thank you to cause the same to be assayed, and the Assayer's report transmitted to this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Hon. Jas. PollockApril 15th 1898.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadel^a.

Sir:

I have referred to the Accounting Officer of the Department for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense $\frac{1}{2}$ for the month of March 1898.

The Miltz forwarded by Express will be returned.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Chas. Rumley, Esq.April 15th 1898.

Assayer in charge Assay Office

Helena.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2^d inst. transmitting classified statements of the business of your Office for the month of March, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

The Honorable

April 15th 1898.

The Director of the Royal Mint
Munich, Bavaria.

My dear Sir:

I have your kind favor of the 26th ult.
in reference to Adolph Westermarck.

I am glad to be able to say that the young man won his promotion by the skillful discharge of his duties and his zeal and uniform good conduct. We shall no doubt require his services permanently and promote him, as he will no doubt deserve.

I take the liberty of sending you by this day's mail, a copy of my last annual report, and have placed your name upon the list of persons to whom such documents are regularly sent.

Sincerely yours

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Annie D. HearstApril 15th 1898.

1408 Reed St.

Philad^a. Pa.

Madam:

Acknowledging your letter of the 13th inst, I send you herewith the letter to which you refer, and which you state was signed by some person other than yourself.

After you shall have examined the letter I will thank you to return it to this office, in order that it may be restored to the files.

Respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. U. Robbins, Esq.April 15th 1898.

Selma,

Ala.

Sir:

Your postal card of the 10th. inst. asking 'what the Mexican silver dollar is worth compared with our new dollar?', has been referred to this Office.

The Mexican Silver dollar has no legal tender in this country, and possesses simply a bullion value. It therefore circulates in trade at whatever price may be agreed upon.

Its bullion value fluctuates with the price of silver bullion; as such at current rates it is worth about 93 ¢ per piece compared with gold or with the U. S. Standard Silver dollar, which being a full legal tender is on a par with U. S. gold coin.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

M. J. Bonzano, Esq.April 15th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense $\$$ for the month of March, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

G. J. Bowles Esq.

Assayer & Melter

Charlotte Assay Office.

J. M. Lloyd, Esq.April 15th 1898.Act. Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In my reply to so much of your letter of the 13th inst. as refers to the quantity of silver to be purchased from any one party, under the authority contained in my letter of the 31st ult.; I have to state, that the intention was to place the small holders of bullion on an equality with the holders of larger amounts.

Where the same party offers more than 10,000 ounces it will be well for you to communicate at once with this office.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.*Telegram.* Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New YorkApril 15th 1898.

You may purchase twelve thousand ounces silver from Laidlow & Co. at one eighteen and eight tenths cents per ounce fine.

H. R. Linderman
Director.J. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. Assay Office
New York.April 15th 1898.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "You may purchase twelve thousand ounces silver from Laidlow & Co. at one eighteen and eight tenths cents per ounce fine."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. M. Lloyd, Esq.

April 15th 1878.

Actg. Supt. U. S. Assay Office, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th inst. stating that you had purchased from Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co. Ten thousand (10,000) ounces fine silver at \$1.18⁴ for 1000 ~~in~~ payable in silver dollars, has been received.

You desire to be informed whether this purchase is subject to a fines bar charge of 15 cent per ounce.

I infer that this silver had previous to its sale, been deposited for returns in fine stamped bars, and that it required parting or refining.

Premising that the depositor is to pay for any necessary operation to bring the bullion to the condition of fine metal, and that he elects to sell the fine silver to the Government, it is not subject to further charge.

It must, in such case be regarded and treated as any other fine silver purchased, and which the Government, in order to determine pursuant to law, the quantity of fine silver, and on which the amount to be paid is ascertained, assays the bullion without charge. In other words, the Government agrees to purchase a given quantity of silver at a certain price per ounce fine, and it is the business of the Government to ascertain by its own assay, the exact quantity of fine silver delivered by the seller, and for which it is to pay.

The foregoing applies to the assay of bullion purchased by the Government under a special law, and not to deposits made and settled for under the coinage act.

A deposit is changed to a purchase whenever a contract is made to sell the fine

silver to the Government; but, any operation necessary to bring the bullion to fine silver, is to be charged and deducted, no matter whether the bullion be returned to the depositor in bars or coin, or sold to the Government.

Assays at our mints have always been without charge, and under existing laws must so continue.

Where bars are to be actually paid to the depositor, they are to be prepared, as far as may be practicable, of the size and form desired by the depositor, and the weight, fineness, value and Mint or Assay Office mark, stamped thereon, and all this for the benefit of the depositor, and for which he is to pay the expense incurred; but the Government does not require silver purchased from a depositor to be put in this form for its purpose, any more than it would to go to the unnecessary trouble, delay and expense of converting all the large purchases of silver into bars before casting the same into ingots for coinage.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Lieut. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

April 15th 1878.

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. one hundred ounces fine silver for delivery at your Office, which you will please receive and pay for in gold coin at the rate of 118 $\frac{75}{100}$ cents per ounce fines.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. L. Bonzano, Esq.April 15th 1898.Assayer in Charge
New Orleans Mint.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for current month has been approved for the sum of "619." from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries - - - 1898	* 370. 50
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Wages of Workmen - - "	248. 30
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Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.Hon. D. W. MahonApril 15th 1898.1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint for the month of March, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Telegram.

M. V. Davis,April 15th 1898.U. S. Mint, Philad^a Pa.

No. only suggested that it should be turned over to proposed International Convention.

H. R. Lindermann
Director.M. V. Davis, Esq.April 15th 1898.Mint, U. S. Philad^a.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: No. only suggested that it should be turned over to the proposed International Convention."

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Telegram. J. & W. Seligman & Co.April 15th 1898.

New York City.

Your offer of this date accepted. Superintendent Acton instructed by letter to receive and pay for same.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.April 15th 1898.

New York City.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "Your offer of this date accepted. Superintendent Acton instructed by letter to receive and pay for same".

Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Laidlow & Co.April 15th 1898.

New York City.

Offer accepted. See Superintendent Acton.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Laidlow & Co.April 15th 1898.

New York City.

Gentlemen:

The following despatch sent you today is hereby made official; "Offer accepted. See Superintendent Acton."

Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. August Belmont & Co.
New York.

April 15th 1898.

We are not in the market at present except at equivalent of London rate, computed at current rate of exchange.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

August Belmont & Co.
New York City.

April 15th 1898.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "We are not in the market at present except at equivalent of London rate, computed at current rate of exchange."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. L. Von Hoffman & Co.
N. Y. City.

April 15th 1898.

We are not purchasing above equivalent of London rate.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

L. Von Hoffman & Co.
New York City.

April 15th 1898.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "We are not purchasing above equivalent of London rate."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Gen. W. GloverApril 15th 1878.Chairman, Com. of Expenditures
in Treasury Department.

Sir:

I received today your letter of 13th inst. requesting information as to certain expenses in connection with this Office, the Mints and Assay Offices and have to state that the same will be furnished as soon as it can be prepared.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent U. S. Assay OfficeApril 16th 1878New York City.

You may pay Seligman & Co. approximate value of silver purchased and delivered yesterday.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.G. C. Acton, Esq.April 16th 1878.Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "You may pay Seligman & Co. approximate value of silver purchased and delivered yesterday."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.April 16th 1878.New York City.

You may pay gold or silver dollars whichever the seller prefers.

H. R. Linderman.

Director Mint.

J. C. Acton, Esq.
 Supt. Assay Office
 New York.

April 16th 1898.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "You may pay gold or silver dollars, whichever the seller prefers."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

April 16th 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 15th inst. enclosing proposals of Messrs. Sellers & Co. and Ort, Helt and Morgan for building a new arch for coining press No. 7.

In order that I may have the subject fully before me I have to request that you will furnish this Office with a copy of your letter to the above mentioned firms, inviting these proposals.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint. Philad^a.

April 16th 1898.

Sir:

I have to request that you will forward for Senator Blaine to this Office, one silver proof set (including the new dollars) for the current year together with your bill for the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

Henry L. Dodge, Esq.
 Dept. of the Mint
 San Francisco.

April 16th 1878.

Sir:

The request contained in your letter of the 15th March last, to be furnished with copies of certain papers referring to W. I. Garrett's transacting with the Mint was in the hurry of business overlooked.

I now send you copies of all the testimony and papers bearing upon the subject. I do not recollect any other papers having been submitted.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

L. J. Bowles, Esq.
 Assayer in Chief Assay Office
 Charlotte, N. C.

April 16th 1878.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst. I transmit herewith one dozen copies of circular showing the value of monetary units and standard coins of foreign countries.

I have also sent one of these circulars together with a copy of my last Annual report to Arthur D. Bowles, Gap Creek, N. C.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Knoblauch & Lichtenstein
 29 William St.

April 16th 1878.

New York City.

We are not purchasing above the equivalent of the London rate.

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Krotlauch & LichtensteinApril 16th 1898.

29 William St.

New York.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "We are not purchasing above the equivalent of the London rate."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.April 16th 1898.

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your $\$4$ for expenses incurred in visiting Washington by direction of this Office, has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement: In due course of business a draft for the amount will be transmitted to you.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 17th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst. transmitting certificate of deposit for \$35.76 in favor of Herman Silvers Assayer in charge U. S. Mint at Denver, Col., has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 17th 1848.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 16th inst. with enclosures from the Coiner & Engraver of your Mint, relative to the cracked condition of the obverse die for the Life Saving Medal of the 1st class.

As you are the proper custodian of the hubs for these dies, I have, by letter of current date, requested Mr. Paquet to deliver the same to you, and you are hereby authorized upon receipt of the hubs, to cause a new obverse die to be prepared.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 17th 1848.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be struck and transmitted to this Office a life saving medal of the 1st class, (in gold.)

You will please cause a suitable case to be made and the following inscribed upon the above medal, viz:

"To John Carey, for heroic daring in rescuing Adolph Gabriel from drowning in North River, N. Y. May 17. 1847."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

D. Cook, Esq.

Fort Worth,

Texas.

April 17th. 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th. inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury requesting information "as to the value of Mexican dollars and where the Government would have them shipped, in case they wished to buy them as bullion", has been referred to this Office.

Mexican silver dollars are purchased as bullion by the Government at the mint at Philadelphia, and paid for at the equivalent of the London rate for silver bullion on the day of purchase.

The London rate fluctuates slightly, but at the present quotation for bullion, Mexican silver dollars are worth as much, about 93¢ per piece in U. S. gold coin.

Payment is made in gold coin or standard silver dollars at the option of the seller, and all express charges are at his expense.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

A. C. Paquet, Esq.

1308 Park Avenue

Philadelphia.

April 17th. 1878.

Sir:

I have to request that you will deliver to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, the hubs engraved by you for the Life Saving Medal, and now in your possession.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Knoiblauch & Lichensstein,April 17th 1898.

Post Office Box #2692.

New York City, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of yesterday I have to state that your interpretation of our dispatch in the following words, viz: "We are not purchasing above the equivalent of the London rate," is substantially correct.

At the present time we would as leave receive bids for delivery at the New York Assay Office as at the Philadelphia Mint.

It appears to be proper for me to state that at least for the present we will not accept any bid for the sale of silver above the equivalent of the London rate computed at the current rate of exchange on the day of sale.

If you will take the trouble to call upon the Superintendent of the Assay Office in your City, he will show you the formula used by us in determining the equivalent of the London rate, and which we suppose does not differ from that in commercial use.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Parker Handy, Esq.April 17th 1898.

New York.

Sir:

Your offer to sell and deliver at the Assay Office New York, 200,000 ounces fine silver at the rate of 119⁰⁶ per ounce fine in gold coin, is accepted.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Lazard Frères,
Bankers, 65 Pine St.
New York City,

April 17th 1898.

Gentlemen,

Your proposition for the sale of about 10,000,000 ounces silver bullion at the price of \$1.20⁰⁰ per ounce fine, payable in gold coin, is respectfully declined.

I am authorized to state that we would accept from you 5,000,000 ounces silver bullion at the rate or price of one hundred and twenty one cents per ounce fine payable in U. S. 4% Bonds at par, the silver to be delivered at New York or Philadelphia in quantities of not less than one million of ounces per month.

This proposition is based on the present London quotation of 54 pence and would have to be modified should there be a decline from that rate.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Major J. J. Dana
Quartermaster, U. S. A.
Philadelphia.

April 17th 1898.

Sir:

I have this day requested Messrs Nathan Trotter & Co. of Philad^a to deliver to you for shipment to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Ten (10) tons best Lough zinc. I will thank you to take charge of and ship the same as early as practicable, transmitting bills for freight as provided in Genl. Order No. 66. Hd Qrs. of the Army, July 24th 1896.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram Nevada Bank

April 17th 1898.

San Francisco.

Will you deliver three hundred thousand ounces fine silver at Carson Mint at one hundred and nineteen cents per ounce fine payable in gold coin San Francisco.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Louis McLane, Esq.

April 17th 1898.

Nevada Bank

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "Will you deliver three hundred thousand ounces fine silver at Carson Mint at one hundred and nineteen cents per ounce fine payable in gold coin San Francisco."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 17th 1898.

Subt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 8th inst. reporting that you have contracted with the Pacific Iron Works to construct a steam pump over the Mint well, for the sum of \$950 gold coin.

Your action in this matter is hereby approved.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. G. Acton, Esq.April 17th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Parker Handy, Esq. 200,000 ounces fine silver for delivery at your Office.
You will please receive and make payment for the same in gold coin at the rate of 119⁰⁶ per ounce fine.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Nathan Trotter & Co.April 17th 1878.

36 N. Front St.

Philad^a.

Gentlemen:

You will please deliver to Major J. J. Dana, Quartermaster, U. S. A. in your City, Ten tons best Schuylkill Zinc for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco.

You will forward your a/c in duplicate accompanied by the receipt of Major Dana for the Zinc, to this office for settlement.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Nathan Trotter & Co.April 17th 1878.36 N. Front St. Philad^a.

Please get ready for shipment to San Francisco, Ten tons of Schuylkill Zinc for bullion Refining purposes. Instructions as to shipment will be sent you by mail today.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Nathan Trotter & Co.April 17th 1898.

36 N. Front St.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "Please get ready for shipment to San Francisco, ten tons of Schuylkill Zinc for bullion refining purposes. Instructions as to shipment will be sent you by mail today."

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Nathan Trotter & Co.April 17th 1898.

36 North Front Street

Philadelphia.

State by wire lowest price for best Schuylkill Zinc.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Nathan Trotter & Co.April 17th 1898.

36. N. Front St.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "State by wire lowest price for best Schuylkill Zinc."

Respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 18th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Since the 'Regulations and Instructions' were printed - May 14th 1874 - there have been some modifications of the instructions as well as changes made in the tariff of charges, and it is necessary, that another edition of the pamphlet be printed.

I will thank you to send me an itemized statement of the tariff or schedule of charges now in force at your Mint, and in transmitting such statement, you will make any suggestions upon the subject, that may occur to you as proper.

I send you herewith a copy of the pamphlet referred to, and will thank you to make a note in the appropriate places of any alterations therein and which you may now be conducting business. Let this be done with the aid of the Operative Officers, and also the clerks having charge of the accounts computations, &c.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.H. L. Dodge, Esq.Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.James Crawford, Esq.Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.H. Silver, Esq.Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Denver.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

April 18th 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for \$108.42 on account of sale of gold materials, has been received.

I will thank you to forward to this Office a statement showing the materials sold.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Telegram
Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia.

April 18th 1878.

The rule observed by the Assayer and your construction of law in relation to silver purchases are correct in every particular. Shown Assayer.

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philad^a

April 18th 1878.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "The rule observed by the Assayer and your construction of law in relation to silver purchases are correct in every particular. Shown Assayer."

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.April 18th 1898.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday in which you inquire whether in settling a deposit of silver bullion in bars, any fraction or odd sum should not be paid in silver dollars instead of fractional silver coin.

As such payment would give the depositors the benefit of the seigniorage on the amount of silver dollars paid, I am of the opinion that no change in the mode of settlement should be made at least for the present.

After we shall have had some further experience with the recent Coinage Act, I may further consider this question.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Thos. C. Acton, Esq.April 18th 1898.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish me with a copy of the letter or letters of authority under which Mr. George W. Edelman has recently been engaged in examining the accounts and correspondence of your Office.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director

Similar letter addressed to

Hon. Jas. Pollack

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Y. C. Acton, Esq.

April 18th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

You are authorized to receive 50,000 ozs. additional of fine silver from Carter Handey, and make payment for the same at the rate of 119⁰⁶ per ounce fine in gold coin.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

April 18th 1898

San Francisco.

The contract having been for four hundred thousand ounces only that quantity can be accepted and paid for. You may settle for the excess at the rate of one hundred and nineteen cents per ounce fine or return it in bars.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 18th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "The contract having been for four hundred thousand ounces, only, that quantity can be accepted and paid for. You may settle for the excess at the rate of one hundred and nineteen cents per ounce fine or return it in bars."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confidential

Henry L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

April 18th 1898.

Sir:

Until we shall have made arrangements for the necessary supply of silver bullion on your Coast, you need not be in a hurry as to the silver dollar coinage.

I have called the attention of the Secretary of the Treasury to the necessity of forwarding, as early as practicable, to the Assistant Treasurers of the U. S. in your City, some silver certificates or coin notes.

You have theretofore been authorized to exchange standard silver dollars at par for gold coins of legal weight, and also to pay the same in silver purchases.

This will be continued and you will receive from time to time from the Treasurer of the U. S. Transfer orders payable in silver dollars.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

April 18th 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst. transmitting statement of Melters & Refiners operations, for the month of March, 1898.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 18th 1898.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the shipment to your mint on the 17th inst. of fifteen pairs of dies for the standard silver dollar.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Sup't. Mint

April 18th 1898.

San Francisco.

You will not work overtime until further instructed. Letter by mail.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Oscar Handey

April 18th 1898.

24 Nassau St. New York.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces additional accepted. Superintendent advised by mail.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Oscar Handey, Esq.

April 18th 1898.

24 Nassau St.

New York.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "Your offer of fifty thousand ounces additional accepted. Superintendent advised by mail."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Geo. B. Gordon, U. S. S.
Senate Chambers

April 15th 1898.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has handed me, for reply, your note covering a communication to you from Wm. H. Habersham of Gainesville, Ga. in relation to the propriety of establishing an Assay Office at that point.

Whilst it is generally understood that the gold mining interests of Georgia are of late, attracting more attention than for many years past, and the production of gold from mines in that State is gradually increasing, the amount produced does not appear to be sufficient to call for U. S. Assay facilities in the vicinity of the mines.

In connection with this subject I beg to call your attention to the fact that there is an U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. and that, if Congress should enact a law authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue coin certificates in payment of the net value of gold bullion deposited thereat, all necessary accommodation would thereby be afforded to what is known as the "Southern Gold Field."

The letter of Mr. Habersham is herewith returned.

Very respectfully, Yours atk servant
H. R. Linderman

Director.

Arthur Orr, Esq.April 18th 1898.

Care of Orr, Hees & Morgan
1219 Ballouhill St.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I desire to avail myself of your long experience in connection with the construction and use of coining machinery, - to enable me to determine the relative advantages of cast iron and steel respectively, for the arch of a coining press.

This question arises in connection with the cracking of the arch of press No. 7 at the Philadelphia Mint, and which it is necessary to replace with a new one. Please reply.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

 Jas. Crawford, Esq.April 18th 1898.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Cannon.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the shipment to your Mint on the 17th inst. of five pairs of dies for the standard silver dollar.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

 Jas. Crawford, Esq.April 18th 1898.

Supt. Mint. Cannon.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary & Refining Expence A/c for the month of March, 1898.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

Jas. Crawford Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Carson.

April 18th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th inst. transmitting classified statements of the business of your Mint during March 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
 Director.

Louis McLane Esq.

April 19th 1878.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. has been received.

You state that you have not been quite fairly treated by the Treasury Department in its late purchases of fine silver, and cite the fact that on the 13th ult.^o you were offered the equivalent of $54\frac{1}{8}$ d., and that on the same day the Bank of California was paid the equivalent of $54\frac{1}{4}$ d. and that on the 4th inst. that Bank was paid \$1.20²⁰ per ounce fine, the London price being $54\frac{1}{4}$ d. equal to \$1.18¹⁰.

The first purchase you refer to was made by the Superintendent under authority previously given to purchase any part of 300,000 ounces at the equivalent of the London rate, and which it appears was correctly assumed by him to have been $54\frac{1}{4}$ pence.

The second purchase referred to was on an offer made to this office to sell at \$1.20 per ounce fine if paid for in New York, or \$1.20²⁰ if paid in San Francisco. The latter was accepted. The equivalent in U. S. Money of $54\frac{1}{4}$ pence for silver 925 ~~fin~~ fine, with New York exchange at \$4.90, which was the rate on the 4th inst. \$1.19⁷⁴. Although the price paid was something

above the London equivalent, the Secretary, on the recommendation of the Commission decided to accept the offer.

You will remember that on the 7th ult. we requested you by telegraph to state price at which you would sell and deliver silver at the San Francisco and Carson Mints, and that the rates stated in your reply of March 11th being considerably above the equivalent of the London rate, your offer was declined. Our offer of the next day at 54 $\frac{1}{8}$ pence, was a counter proposition, and which it was expected, if not accepted, would be followed by another offer from you.

Referring to the concluding paragraph of your note which stated that the newspapers report the Secretary of the Treasury as being well pleased at having got all the silver he wanted outside of your Bank, I have to state that the Secretary is now as he has heretofore been, desirous of purchasing all the bullion owned or controlled by your Bank; and that he is willing at all times, to favorably consider your offers of sale, provided the rate or price is not above such fair rate as may be given under the law.

There certainly, should not be any doubt as to fairness and impartial dealings between the largest purchaser of bullion in the world viz: - the U. S. Treasury Department, and the largest seller in the Country - yourselves.

Very truly yours

H. R. Linderman
Director

Telegram.

Louis McLane,April 19th 1878.

President, Nevada Bank

San Francisco.

The Secretary of the Treasury directs me to say that he has this day addressed you a communication, in reference to silver supplies.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Louis McLane, Esq.April 19th 1878.

President Nevada Bank

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official: "The Secretary of the Treasury directs me to say that he has this day addressed you a communication in reference to silver supplies."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Baltman & Co.April 19th 1878.

Aberdeen,

Miss.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst. addressed to the Treasurer of the U. S. inquiring "if the Government is purchasing Mexican dollars and if so at what prices?" has been referred to this Office.

The Mint at Philadelphia purchases Mexican dollars at their full value computed at the equivalent of the London rate for silver bullion on the day of purchase, paying for the same in U. S. gold coin or standard silver dollars at the option of the seller. All Express charges paid by the seller.

At our last quotation for silver

bullion, Mexican silver dollars, if full weight,
are worth about 93¢ per piece in gold coin.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindeman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 19th 1898.

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I learn that the Secretary of the Treasury will
in a few days, increase your gold bullion fund
between three and four millions of dollars,
and which increase will be in the form of
fine gold bars, and bars of British Standard,
now held by the Assistant Treasurer of the
U. S. in the City of New York.

This bullion is to be transferred for the
purpose of being converted into half and
quarter Eagles; and which coin will, after
being made, be transferred to the Treasury
of the United States.

If there is now in the bullion fund
any gold which can be conveniently manu-
factured into denominations referred to, you
may as well commence making the same
as soon as practicable and without waiting
for the bullion to be transferred, to arrive.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindeman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia.

April 17th 1848.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 16th inst. enclosing a communication from the Assayer in reference to the non-imposition of a charge for melting silver bars purchased by the Treasury Dept. and delivered by the sellers at your mint.

It appears that all the bars which have been delivered were in condition to at once pass into ingots. This being the case they are not subject to any charge, and the rule observed by the Assayer is correct.

The Department does not contract for crude bullion or bars not in condition to pass into ingots, except *Dore* bars, which are subject to a parting charge by the terms of the purchase.

You will therefore adhere to the rule heretofore observed, but should any bullion be delivered, under a purchase made by the Treasury Department, which would require parting, refining or tonghering, you will at once, and before settlement is made, report the fact to this Office, in order that the Secretary's instruction may be taken.

In respect to the purchases of small lots of silver bullion by the Superintendent under authority of the Secretary of the Treasury, they are supposed to be crude and mixed bullion, and on such as are below standard and require melting and refining or any other operation which is the subject of charge under the provisions of the 25th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, the usual charge or charges will be made.

Where silver bullion has been deposited for return or settlement in bars, and the depositor

before settlement is made, sells the bullion to the Government, the bar charge will not be imposed.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Approved,

John Sherman,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 19th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find one dollar in currency for which I will thank you to forward to this Office five twenty cent pieces of the coinage of the current calendar year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 19th 1898.

Supt. Mint. Phila.

Sir:

I send you by today's mail one book of minor coinage redemption certificates.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.

April 19th 1898.

Assayer in Charge
Assay Office, Boise.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion $\frac{1}{2}$ for the quarter ended March 31st 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

April 17th 1898.

We have purchased of Nevada Bank three hundred thousand ounces fine silver for delivery at your Mint at the rate of one hundred and nineteen cents per ounce fine, payable in gold coin by draft on New York. Your bullion fund will be increased three hundred and seventy five thousand dollars, and the amount placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer New York.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

April 19th 1898.

You will not work overtime until otherwise instructed. As soon as you have tried new dies telegraph me how they work.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

James Crawford, Esq.

Subt. U. S. Mint
 Carson.

April 19th 1898.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. transmitting statement of Copper consumed at your Mint during the quarter ending March 31st 1898, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Gas. Lerauford. Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Carson.

April 17th 1878.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of Silver Mint Receipt # 236 properly signed, I have to inform you that the same has been referred to the 1st Auditor of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. John Sherman
 Secretary of the Treasury.

April 17th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nevada, be increased three hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars \$375,000. by a transfer of that amount in gold coin, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Supt. of said Mint with the Assistant Treasurers of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Telegram. Louis McLane,
 President, Nevada Bank.

April 18th 1878.

Your offer of this date is accepted. Please deliver immediately. Superintendent Lerauford will be instructed to receive Silver and settle by draft on New York payable in gold.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.April 19th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate account of Wm J. Crawford for hauling acid under direction of Major J. J. Dana, U. S. A. amounting to \$6.- and duplicate of the Chicago & Rock Island R. R. Company's account for freight, from Chicago to Omaha, on stationery amounting to \$1.39.

The original of the above mentioned accounts have been referred to the accounting officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriations for contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.April 19th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. transmitting statement of Copper consumed at your Mint during the quarter ending March 31st 1878, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

James B. Colgate & Co.April 19th 1878.

47 Wall St. New York.

Your offer accepted will advise Superintendent Acton by mail.

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Y. C. Acton, Esq.April 19th 1898.

Subt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Messrs.
J. B. Holgate & Co. for delivery at your Office,
twenty-five thousand ounces fine silver,
which you will please receive and make
payment for, at the rate of 119 cents per
ounce fine.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

H. SilverApril 19th 1898.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint, Denver.

Leave of absence granted as requested.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

H. SilverApril 19th 1898.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint, Denver.

Before you leave arrange for employment of
party referred to in recent letter.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mining.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco

April 20th 1898.

Fifteen pairs of Silver Dollar Dies forwarded
Seventeenth instant. Is it the obverse or reverse
die that gives way?

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Confirmed.

Henry, L. Dodge, Esq.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

April 20th 1848.

Sir:

Now that the coinage of the new silver dollar has been commenced at all the mints, it will be necessary for this office to arrange the operations of the mint from time to time, to meet the public requirements and those of the Treasury Department.

I may state, in the first place, that gold is to be coined to meet the requirements of depositors; And I may add in this connection that it is not good policy to allow gold bullion to largely accumulate. In the second place I may state, that as nearly as can be determined at present, you will be required to manufacture from ten to twelve hundred thousand standard silver dollars per month.

As far as I am capable of forming an opinion, the law authorizing the coinage of Trade Dollars will not be repealed, nor is it probable that any change in the law will be made during the present session of Congress. In view of which, and in order that I may be able to give the Secretary of the Treasury full information upon the subject of this coinage, at any time that he may call for the same, I have to request your views upon the following points viz:

During what months of the year is there usually a demand for Trade Dollars for shipment to China and Japan?

What is the amount approximately of these coins now held by parties in San Francisco including those in the mint?

What amount annually is it probable

will be required to meet the export demand?

In case the Secretary should decide to allow this coinage to be made, if exported under what regulation or arrangement can the same be coined and issued with the certainty that they would not be put into domestic circulation? And would it be practicable to have the coins taken by the owners direct from the Mint to the China and Japan Steamers?

I am of the opinion that the coinage of silver dollars of different standard weights could not be carried on at the same time, and this for the reason that the blanks would likely get mingled and serious trouble arise in that way.

If I am correct in this view it would be necessary to run your Mint for a given time on the coinage of one dollar or the other, and when making Trade Dollars - to its full capacity.

You will please call upon the principal shippers of these coins, and bullion producers and dealers, and ascertain their views and desires upon this subject, and as soon as may be convenient, you will make full report including any suggestions you may deem proper to offer, upon points in connection with the subject not embraced in this communication.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

April 20th 1898.

We are not purchasing silver above the equivalent of the London rate computed on New York current rate of sterling exchange.

Confirmed 3

H. R. Linderman. Director Mint

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 20th, 1898.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

San Francisco

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary and Refinery Expense A/c for the month of March 1898.

Warrant #615 of your Ordinary A/c is returned herewith for the approval of the Superintendent.

In Voucher #138 of your Refinery A/c bill of Alex. Martin for traveling expenses, the items of Portage & Car Fare, amounting to \$15.00 has been reduced to \$10.00 and the bill approved for \$294.98 instead of \$299.98.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 20th, 1898.

Sup't. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. transmitting a statement of the imports and exports of bullion and coin at San Francisco for each month since July 1st, 1897, together with a copy of a letter from the Collector of Customs, explanatory of the same.

The thanks of this Office are due to you and to Collector Shannon for the prompt compliance with my request.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 20th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copies of dispatches received from San Francisco and Leavenworth last evening, and from which it appears that the breakage of the new dollar dies at the former Mint is very large, which is no doubt due to unsuccessful hardening.

You will notice what Mr. Dodge says in reference to the person who hardens the dies at his Mint. In connection with this point I desire to ask what progress Mr. Hunter is making towards qualifying himself for hardening the dies at the San Francisco Mint.

If Mr. Charles Barber understood thoroughly the hardening of dies, I incline to the opinion that it would be to the interest of the Government to have him go to the San Francisco Mint and remain there. It would also give him an opportunity for doing better pecuniarily, than where he now is.

I wish you would give this subject your careful consideration and give me your advice as to what had better be done in this very important matter. Of course it will not do to send any one there who is not well qualified to attend to the hardening of dies, &c.

In so far as these despatches refer to Mr. Scott you will see to it that no publicity is given.

It will be important to send another lot of ten or fifteen pairs of dies to the San Francisco Mint as soon as they can be got ready.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

April 20th. 1878.

Sir:

Now that the Coinage of Silver dollars has commenced at the two Western Mints, it will not be necessary to work overtime at your Mint, and you are hereby requested to discontinue overtime, except in the preparation of dies, on and after the receipt of this letter.

Such overtime in the manufacture and hardening of dies or operations appertaining thereto as you may regard necessary to keep up a full supply of dies for all the mints, may be required and allowed as you may deem proper.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint
 Philad^a

April 20th. 1878.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York desires to have about 400,000 ounces fine silver bars transferred to your Mint as soon as practicable, on account of limited vault room.

Before requesting this transfer to be made, I deem it proper to ask you to inform me how soon it will be convenient for you to receive the silver.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. John ShermanApril 20th 1898.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

As there is no Assistant Treasury in the City of Carson, Nev. the silver dollars which may be struck at the Mint in that City will have to be transferred to other points, and I respectfully suggest that as far as it may suit the convenience of the Department, standard silver dollars which may be required for use at the Sub-Treasuries in the Mississippi Valley, and cities of the South, west of Charleston, S. C., be transferred from the Carson Mint.

As these coins will eventually have to be transferred East, it would appear to be an unnecessary expense to first ship them to San Francisco.

The silver dollar coinage at the Carson Mint will probably amount to from three hundred thousand to five hundred thousand dollars per month.

I have the honor to be re

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.April 20th 1898.
 Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
 New York.

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Messrs J. B. Holgate & Co. 25,000 ounces fine silver which you will please receive and make payment for at the rate of 119 cents per ounce fine in gold coin.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 20th. 1848.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of this date directing overtime to be discontinued except as to the manufacture of dies, it has since occurred to me that in view of the large amount of silver to be delivered on purchases heretofore made, it may be necessary to allow overtime in the receiving, storing, melting^g & assaying of the same. Any overtime which you may deem necessary in this respect, may be required and allowed.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Robt. M. Reynolds, Esq.April 20th. 1848.1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary and Refinery Expense^{ts} of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month of March, 1848.

Warrant #615 of the Ordinary^{ts} has been returned for the signature of the Supt.

Your attention is respectfully directed to two items for "Portage and Carfare" in Voucher #138 of the Refinery^{ts}, amounting to \$15.00, I have to request that \$5.00 of this amount be disallowed, as these charges seem to be excessive.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

James B. Colgate & Co.
217 Wall St. New York.

April 20, 1878.

Your offer accepted. Superintendent Acton
advised by mail.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Confirmed.

T. C. Acton, Esq.

April 22, 1878.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I transmit herewith copy of letter from
James B. Colgate & Co. in which that firm
claims a rebate of one-fifth $\frac{1}{5}$ cent per
ounce on certain bars sold the Government.

I will be glad if you will inform me
of the grounds on which you decided not to
allow the bar charge to be remitted.

In connection with this subject I beg
to call your attention to the enclosed extract
from a letter addressed by this office to the
Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint on
the 19th inst. and which letter was approved by the
Secretary of the Treasury.

This regulation will apply to your office.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. T. Bonanza, Esq.

April 23, 1878.

Assayer in Charge, New Orleans Mint.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers
of the Dept. for settlement, your Ordinary Expense $\frac{1}{2}$ for the
month of March, 1878.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman, Director.

James B. Colgate & Co.
47 Wall St. N. Y.

April 22, 1898.

Gentlemen:

Acknowledging your letter of the 20th inst. in which you claim a rebate of one-fifth (1/5) cent per oz. on certain U. S. Assay Office bars sold the Government, I have to state, that the Superintendent has today been requested by letter, to give his reasons for declining to allow the same. So soon as his reply shall have been received, the point raised will be decided, and of which you will be duly advised.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Lehas. Rumley, Esq.

April 22, 1898.

Assayer in charge, Assay Office
Helena.

Sir:

Your requisitions for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$635.⁸⁹ from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1898	\$329. ⁶⁰
Wages of Workmen		202. ⁻
Contingent Expenses		104. ²⁹

The amounts advanced you for wages & incidental expenses exhaust the appropriations for these purposes for the current fiscal year.

You will please see that no obligations either for work or incidentals are incurred in excess of the amounts advanced you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

David W. Reid, Esq.
Madison. Ind.

April 22, 1878.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th instant enclosing a newspaper slip relative to the three cent piece, and requesting information thereon.

The slip in question contains some inaccuracies and alludes indiscriminately to the three cent silver coin and three cent minor pieces.

It states that ~~the~~ three cent pieces are still made, and in 1876, \$855,090 were coined in them; this sum is the total amount of three cent copper-nickel pieces coined since 1865, and not in the year 1876 alone, in which year but \$7,560. were coined, and in 1877, none.

These pieces are only struck to meet an actual demand and are in common with all other minor coins, redeemable at the Treasury when presented in sums of five dollars.

All minor coins are legal tenders in sums not exceeding 25 ¢ in any one payment.

The coinage of the ~~silver~~ three cent pieces, which are not minor coins, but fractional silver coins, ceased upon the passage of the Coinage Act of 1873, and together with all other fractional silver coins are legal tenders to the amount of five dollars. (See. 3586 Revised Statutes.)

Fractional silver coins are not redeemable.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. J. M. Glover

April 22^d 1878.

Chairman of Com't. on Expenditures
in the Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I have caused to be prepared and transmit herewith the information called for in your letter of the 13th inst. viz:

1st "Amount of expenses of this Office from its organization, April 1, 1873 up to the present time."

Salaries of Director and Clerks to April 1, 1878, \$86,200.

Contingent expenses (including specimens of coins, books, balances, weights, traveling expenses and other incidentals

4,948.⁰⁰

Total \$91,148.⁰⁰

2^d "Amount of the appropriation for Incidental Expenses of the Mints & Assay Offices, if any, paid by the Superintendents thereof for incidental expenses other than the local incidental expenses of the Mints & Assay Offices by your order."

Services & Expenses.

Philadelphia Mint	- - - - -	\$1,649. ⁶²
San Francisco	" - - - - -	9,443. ⁴⁵
Carson	" - - - - -	4,826. ⁰³
Denver	" - - - - -	413. ²¹
New Orleans	" - - - - -	1,381. ⁷⁶
New York Assay Office	- - - - -	23. ⁰⁰
Total		17,737. ⁰⁷

3^d "Amounts paid if any, for services & expenses by warrants on the Treasury and charged by your directions to the appropriation for Incidental Expenses of the Mints & Assay Offices."

Philadelphia Mint	- - - - -	\$2,022. ⁰⁹
San Francisco	" - - - - -	2,326. ¹⁷
Carson	" - - - - -	2,990. ⁸⁴
Denver	" - - - - -	338. ⁰⁹
Helena Assay Office	- - - - -	50. ⁰⁰

Boise Assay Office	\$206.05
Charlotte	919.25
New York	173.48
Total	\$9,025.97

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. A. Kuhn, Esq.

April 22, 1898.

1015 L. St. N. W.

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your note of the 20th inst. I have to state that I should be very glad, were it in my power to aid you in procuring employment. I have no appointments under my control, and there are no vacancies at any of the mints.

In the event of the New Orleans Mint being opened for coinage, I will be glad to consider your case in so far as I may have anything to do with organizing that Institution. More than this I cannot say at present.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. J. Bowles, Esq.

April 22, 1898.

Assayer & Miller

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment, your Ordinary Expenses for the months of February & March, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 22. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 13th inst. enclosing bids of William Sellers & Co. and of Morris, Orr, Hess and Morgan, for furnishing and putting up a new arch for coining press No. 7.

The bids are for cast iron arch, and steel arch.

I have been much impressed with the statement made by Sellers & Co. as to the advantages of an arch made of steel compared with one made of cast iron. But as our coining presses have stood well, and the steel arch is much more expensive than the cast iron arch, I think it would be well to postpone the question until such time as a new press may be necessary.

If a new arch 'cast iron' is to be furnished, the bid of Sellers and Company being the lowest, will have to be accepted.

If, upon a thorough examination you should find that the flaw in the arch can be remedied so as to render the arch fit for use for a few years longer, it would perhaps be better to have it repaired.

I leave the matter to be decided according to your own judgment, aided by the experience of the machinists of the Mint, and of such others as you may deem proper to advise with upon the subject.

The papers and bids are herewith returned.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 22. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to my dispatch of current date in which I informed you that instructions sent you by mail on Saturday last, to discontinue over-time, with certain exceptions, would not take effect until the close of this month, I have now to state that, the information received from Supt. Dodge on yesterday by telegraph, indicates that we cannot depend upon any considerable amount of silver dollar coinage at San Francisco from the first lot of dies; and in view of this fact it was deemed best that you should continue to run to your full capacity, with overtime until the close of the month, by which time we will be better able to determine what will be required.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint

April 22. 1878.

Philadelphia.

Instructions sent you by mail to discontinue over-time will not take effect until close of this month.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram. James B. Colgate & Co.

April 22. 1878.

17 Wall St. New York.

Will answer tomorrow.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

James Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Carson, Nev.

April 22. 1878.

Sir:

I have examined your Ordinary & Refinery Expense A/c for the month of March, 1878, and desire to the following items of expense contained therein;

In Voucher 199, bill of E. B. Rail, the last item
 "24 coin boxes @ \$1.95 --- \$46.80."

It appears from your rolls that you have a Carpenter regularly employed in your Mint at an expense of \$6.00 a day, and I will thank you to inform me why this work of making coin boxes is not performed by him.

Voucher #189, bill of Olverich Bros. for
 "24 yds extra Ducking @ \$1.00 - \$24.00"

You will please inform me of the necessity for the purchase, for what dept. purchased, and for what purpose used.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Telegram:

Supt. Mint
Carson, Nev.

April 22. 1878.

How many of the new dollar dies have been tried and how many condemned. Dodge has bad luck with his.

Conformed.

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Chief Auditor,

April 23. 1898.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the following $\$$ s viz:

Ordinary Expense $\$$ s of the Assayer in charge of the New Orleans Mint for the month of March, 1898.

Ordinary Expense $\$$ s of the Assayer in charge of the Charlotte Assay Office for the months of February & March, 1898.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.

April 23. 1898.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for $\$65$, being proceeds of Assay Balance sold, has been received.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. Silber, Esq.

April 23. 1898.

Assayer in charge
Denver Mint.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for settlement your Bulletin $\$$ s for the 1st quarter of the present calendar year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

A. Wolters Esq.

Assayer in charge
Boise Assay Office.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.April 23^d 1878.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York. N. Y.

Sir:

I have to inform you that I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to increase your bullion fund Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), by a transfer of that amount in silver dollars.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Thos. C. Acton, Esq.April 23^d 1878.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

We have purchased of this day of J. B. Colgate & Co. 60,000 ounces fine silver for delivery at your office. You will please receive and make payment for the same in silver dollars at the rate of (119[¢]) one hundred and nineteen cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Jos. Parker, Esq.April 23^d 1878.

601 Sanson.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 22^d inst., I have to inform you that the bills referred to cannot be paid until a specific appropriation shall have been made by Congress for the payment thereof.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Chief AuditorApril 23^d 1878.

Treasury Dept.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the following accounts, viz:

Bullion $\frac{1}{2}$ cs. - Abstracts and Vouchers, - of the Assayer in Charge of the Boise Assay Office for the First Quarter of the calendar year, 1878.

Bullion $\frac{1}{2}$ cs. - Abstracts and Vouchers, - of the Assayer in Charge of the Denver Mint for the First Quarter of the calendar year, 1878.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. John ShermanApril 23^d 1878.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will cause the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office N. Y. to be increased Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) by a transfer of that amount in silver dollars.

I have the honor to be

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

J. B. Bolgates & Co.April 23^d 1878.

417 Wall St. New York.

We will take the silver and pay for it in Silver dollars at the rates stated in your despatch.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Henry Groenman, Esq.

710 Market St.

Philadelphia.

April 23^d 1878.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 22^d inst., relative to the two balances sent to you for repairs.

A suitable table is ready for them to be placed upon whenever you return them to this office.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

April 23^d 1878.

Sir:

Bill of the San Francisco Gas Co. for gas consumed at your Mint during the month of December, 1877, forwarded with your letter of the 15th inst., is herewith returned, with instructions to pay the same, provided it has not been paid heretofore.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

G. C. Eaton, Esq.

Supt. Assay Office, U. S.

New York.

April 24th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 23^d inst., transmitting statement of the operations of your office, for the quarter ended March 30th, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.April 24th 1896.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of a letter of current date, addressed by this office to James B. Holgate & Co. in reference to the claim made by them for a rebate of bar-charge on certain silver bars sold the Government.

I concur with you in the opinion contained in your letter of the 23rd inst., that the bar charge can only be remitted in cases where the original depositor sells the Government his bullion, and that it can only be done in his case where he sells the bullion to the Government before the deposit has been computed, and the warrants for payment made out. This limitation would appear to be necessary in order to avoid the difficulties pointed out on the last page of your letter of yesterday on this subject.

Respectfully,

H. R. Lindermann
Director.Thos. C. Acton, Esq.April 24th 1896.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have to inform you that owing to the lack of vault room at the Philadelphia Mint, we will not be able to make any transfers of silver bullion from your office at present but will do so as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Mon. Jas. Pollock

April 24th 1878

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday, enclosing a note from "The Savings Bank of Baltimore Md." relative to the receipt of Trade Dollars "for re- or greenbacks."

As this inquiry raises certain points in connection with the Trade Dollars on which it is desirable that there should be definite information given, it is deemed proper that the note of the Savings Bank be replied to by this Office. A copy of my letter to the Treasurer of that Bank is herewith enclosed.

There is no objection to the Mint purchasing Trade Dollars by weight as bullion and retelling for the same in like manner as for any other silver purchased under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

I infer from your letter that you are paying a half cent per ounce fine below the equivalent of the London rate, for small lots of silver purchased. If this be so, you must have overlooked the instructions of this Office of March 31st last, which directed that silver bullion should be paid for at the equivalent of the London rate.

Please report as to how this is.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 24th 1878

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday transmitting a communication from the Engraver of the Mint and Mr. Straub, foreman of the die dept, and in which it is certified that Mr. Hunter has fully qualified himself for the duty of hardening and tempering dies.

With this information I am prepared to authorize Mr. Hunter to proceed to ^{the} San Francisco Mint for permanent employment thereat, at a per diem compensation of six dollars. The Supt. at San Francisco will be authorized to pay Mr. Hunter's necessary traveling expenses from Philade.

His compensation at the rate stated will commence the day on which he shall leave for San Francisco. It is desirable that he should start for that city as early as practicable, say, by the first proximo.

On receiving notice that Mr. Hunter accepts these terms I will at once send him the necessary authority.

Please confer with Mr. Hunter at once and let me know his answer, as Supt. Dodge is anxious to have this matter settled.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

April 24th 1878.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find \$3.25 in payment for Proof Set of silver coins forwarded by you to this Office on the 19th inst. for Senator Blaine.

I do not think it advisable that we should charge more than the amount enclosed in this case.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Sup't. Mint, U. S.
Philad^a.

April 24th 1878.

Sir:

I send you today by current mail a sample of one which I will thank you to cause to be assayed, and the Assayer's report transmitted to this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Sup't. Mint,
Philadelphia.

April 24th 1878.

Sir:

I enclose herewith one dollar in currency for which I will thank you to transmit to this Office, five twenty-cent pieces, of the coinage of the current year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Chas. Rumlery, Esq.April 24th 1898.

Treasurer in Charge
Helena Assay Office.

Sir:

I have examined your Bullion A/c for the 1st quarter of the present calendar year and return herewith for correction certain papers forming the vouchers of your accounts, viz:

Gold Mint Receipt #480 for proper endorsement.

Gold Assay Report #504 for signature.

Certificate of Gold Deposit #503 for signature.

Certificate of Silver Deposit #190. The amount of the deposit written on the face of the certificate does not correspond with the value of the same as shown by the mode of payment.

Certificate of Silver Deposit #203. The value of the deposit as shown by the mode of payment is incorrectly expressed.

If you have not already done so, you will please furnish the department with the necessary authority for W. H. Taten to sign for the Columbia Mining Co.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Chas. Rumlery, Esq.April 24th 1898.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. transmitting certificate of deposits for \$181.03 on A/c of charges on deposit has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. G. Lorr, Esq.

San Francisco.

April 24th 1898.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th inst. in relation to the Treasury purchasing from you certain silver bullion of the fineness of 650 to 700 thousandths, and containing no gold.

As it now appears to be probable that we will be able to procure a supply of domestic fines bars and Doré Silver sufficient for our purposes, at least for some months to come, we would not care to purchase the silver you refer to on the terms that you propose.

I note the inquiry you make in relation to the coinage of Trade Dollars at the San Francisco Mint, and have to say that a few days ago, a letter was addressed to Lieut. Dodge requesting certain information upon this subject, and that as soon as his reply shall have been received, the question of future coinage and the conditions under which it will be made, if authorized, will be presented to the Secretary of the Treasury for his instructions in the case.

Speaking for myself, I am of the opinion that the advantages which these coins give to American trade, should not be lost.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. B. Colgate, & Co.

April 24th 1878.

47 Wall St. New York.

Gentlemen;

The Supt. of the Assay Office informs me that the 60,000 ounces of fine silver sold to the Government, on which you claim a rebate of $\frac{1}{5}$ cent per ounce, on account of bar charge, was originally deposited by parties other than yourselves - the bullion melted, assayed, the value computed and the warrants for payment in the hands of the paying clerk several days prior to your purchase of the bars, in fact that these deposits had passed through all the accounts before you purchased the same.

Under these circumstances the bar charge cannot be refunded.

I note what you say as to your preference for receiving payment in gold coin on the last sale, and also your suggestion in reference to silver certificates of \$500 and \$1000, etc., and will see the Secretary in relation to the same on his return from Philadelphia.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

First Auditor

April 24th 1878.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Assayer in charge of the Charlotte Assay Office for the 1st quarter of the calendar year 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

David Baldwin, Esq.Savings Bank of Baltimore
Baltimore.April 24th 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 22^d. inst. stating that you have on hand about twelve hundred trade dollars, and requesting to be informed whether you can send them to the Mint for "recoinage or greenbacks?"

There is no authority of law which would allow trade dollars to be received at the U. S. Treasury or Mints, as coins, in exchange for any other money.

Any holder of such coins may however sell them to any U. S. Mint as bullion, at the equivalent of the London rate for silver on the day of sale, and receive payment therefor in gold coin, or standard silver dollars.

At the present price of silver, trade dollars if sold as bullion, would realize about $93\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ each.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

C. J. Bowles, Esq.

Assayer in Charge

Charlotte Assay Office.

April 24th 1898.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the 1st Auditor of the Dept. for settlement your Bullion &c. Abstracts and Vouchers, - for the 1st quarter of the present Calendar year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

C. C. Bolton, Esq.

April 24th 1878.

90 Leonard St.

Cleveland, O.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting to be furnished with documents relative to the production of gold and silver, &c. has been referred to this Office.

In response I send you by current mail, copies of my Annual reports for 1876, & 1877, which contain all the printed information at our disposal upon this subject.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

T. G. Low

April 24th 1878.

San Francisco.

We will pay for two hundred thousand ounces fine silver contained in Dore bullion delivered at San Francisco one hundred and nineteen cents per ounce fine, payment in gold coin at San Francisco. Seller to pay parting charge.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Note. The purchase for delivery at Carson to which you refer included transportation from S. F. to Carson paid by the Seller.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.April 25th 1878

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the shipment to your Mint on the 24th inst., of fifteen pairs of dies for the standard silver dollar. Express receipt herewith enclosed.

In connection with this subject, I have to request that you will inform this Office of the number of obverse and reverse dies respectively, for the trade dollar, in your possession, and available for that coinage.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.April 25th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, duplicate receipt and invoice for 22,370 pounds Schlegel Zinc, delivered by Messrs. Nathan Grother & Co., to Major J. J. Dana, Quartermaster, U. S. A. for shipment to your Mint.

I have approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, the account of Messrs. Grother & Co. for the Zinc, payment to be made from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion at your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 25th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I return herewith, with my approval, the contract entered into by you with Meers,

Rankin, Brayton & Co. to construct and place in working order, a steam lift or pump, for raising water from the artesian well in the Court yard of your Mint.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

First Auditor

April 25th 1878.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense V^{os} of the Assayer in charge of the Helena Assay Office for the month of March, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

First Auditor

April 25th 1878.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Medal Fund of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the Quarter ended March 31st 1878.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

April 25th 1848.

Sir:

I have received wax impressions from the Presidential Medal dies, engraved by Mr. Morgan.

I like their appearance very much and would only suggest the following alterations, viz: The tuft of hair at the top of the forehead appears to be a little too prominent, or rather too much of a tuft.

By reference to the photograph sent herewith, you will see that the hair at the point indicated differs from the same, as it appears on the medal.

Reverse.— The words "march 5th" should precede the figures "1848."

After these alterations shall have been made, and before the dies are hardened, I will thank you to send me another impression.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint.
 Philad^a.

April 25th 1848.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment, your "Statement of Medal Fund^g" for the quarter ended March 31st 1848.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

H. P. Childs Esq.
Kansas City, Mo.

April 23^d 1878

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ult., relative to coins and coinage, a reply to which has been delayed by press of business.

I answer your queries in the order in which they are made.

1. No law has been enacted to discontinue the coinage of the trade dollars.

2. Since January 1, 1878, 4,259,700 trade dollars have been coined.

3. No change is contemplated in the dies of the standard silver dollar.

4 & 5. No change has been made in the designs for this dollar since they were adopted and the coins first issued. Proofs of the dollar can be obtained at any time on application to the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Lehas. Rumley, Esq.
Assayer in Charge,
Assay Office, Helena.

April 23^d 1878.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for settlement your Ordinary Expense A/c for the month of March, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mrs. Leath. M. StrombeckApril 25th 1898."1540 Twenty second St. North
Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

In reply to your letter of the 21st inst. I have to state that it would afford me great pleasure to assist your husband in procuring employment, but I do not know of vacancies existing anywhere.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Olie Ryther, Esq.April 25th 1898.

Belwood,

Belinton Co. Iowa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22nd inst. addressed to the Treasurer U. S. inquiring if the "eagle faced pennies have gold in them" has been referred to this office.

No United States cent contains any gold or is worth more than its face value.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

J. B. Colgate & Co.April 25th 1898.

47 Wall St. New York

We will purchase the silver offered by you, and pay for it in standard silver dollars at the rate of one hundred eighteen and eight tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. C. Preston

Confirmed.

For Director Mining.

Messrs. Nathan Trotter, & Co.

April 25th 1878.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen;

Your O/c for 22,370 pounds Lehigh Zinc delivered to Major J. J. Dana, Quartermaster, U. S. A. for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount (\$1901.45) will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 26th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

The official Bonds of the following named persons employed in your Mint, have been approved and referred to the First Comptroller of the Treasury for file in that Office, viz:

E. C. Bowen	Foreman	of Press Room.
R. J. Rawlins	"	" Annealing "
G. M. Adams	"	" Cutting "
E. W. Nohl	"	" Whitening "
L. G. Wilkins	"	" Rolling "
Thomas Scott	"	" Machine Shop.
P. H. Andross	Helper,	Coiners Dept.
W. H. Reich	Test Weigher	General "

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Henry L. Dodge, Esq.

Subt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco

April 26th 1878.

Sir:

I enclose herewith certain papers relating to the claim of H. S. Vanderbilt against H. C. Johannes, which Mr. Johannes has agreed to settle by monthly payments, the first of which is soon to mature. The note covering the first payment is herewith enclosed.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

N. C. Snider, Esq.

Grenada,

West.

April 26th 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22^d inst., addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting to be informed of the estimated value of Mexican silver dollars and the rate at which they are received at the Treasury, has been referred to this office.

Mexican silver dollars are not legal tenders in the United States, and are not receivable at the Treasury; they possess therefore a value only as bullion and as such their value depends upon the ruling rate for silver bullion.

The Mint at Philadelphia purchases Mexican silver dollars as bullion, at the equivalent of the London rate on the day of purchase, paying for the same in standard silver dollars.

At the present price of silver Mexican dollars realize to the seller about 93

cents per piece.

In the Treasury Circular, herewith enclosed the value of the Mexican dollar is estimated at 99 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents.

The values furnished by this circular are for the purpose of estimating for customs purposes, the values of foreign merchandise made out in any of said currencies, and not to fix the rates at which said coins are to be received as money in the United States.

No foreign coins are by law, legal tenders in the United States.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 26th 1898.

Dept. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 25th inst. transmitting vouchers and bills for one Life Saving medal of the first class (in gold) a case for the same and engraving the inscription.

The vouchers are herewith returned with signature.

The bills have been transmitted to the Accounting Officers of the Treasury, and drafts for the amounts will be sent you in due course of business.

The medal has also been received per Express.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Lieut. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

April 26th 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 25th inst. submitting proposals for a new cutting engine for the Coiners Dept. of your Mint.

I have carefully considered these proposals and it appearing that the bid of Messrs. Orr, Hest & Morgan, is the lowest, you are hereby authorized to award the contract to that firm.

The proposals are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Lieut. Mint, U. S.
 Philadelphia.

April 26th 1898.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to inform you that my letter of the 21st ult., changed the purchasing rate of silver from that of one half cent per ounce less than the equivalent of the London rate, to that of the equivalent of the London rate.

My despatch of the 22^d March in reply to an inquiry from you, made no change in the rate as fixed in my letter of the 21st ult.

Until further instructed, you will purchase at the equivalent of the London rate and make payment in silver dollars.

Gold payments will cease except when specifically authorized under instructions of this office and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.

April 26, 1898.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co., one hundred and fifty thousand ounces fine silver for delivery at your Office.

You will please receive and make payment for the same at the rate of 119 cents per ounce fine in gold coins.

You are also authorized to pay approximate value on delivery.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

April 26, 1898.

Gentlemen;

Your offer to sell and deliver at the Assay Office in your City 150000 ounces fine silver at 119 cents per ounce fine, is accepted.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

H. V. Low

April 26, 1898.

Manager, Anglo Californian Bank
San Francisco.

We cannot purchase above equivalent of London rate computed at current rate New York Sterling Exchange.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Hon. James Pollock
 U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

April 27th 1878.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday, in which you state that Mr. Henry G. Hunter accepts the terms stated in my letter of the 24th inst., but desires not to start for San Francisco until the 15th prox. and that he is anxious to use the intervening time to perfect himself in the business of turning and basining dies.

This modification is satisfactory to me, and Mr. Hunter will not be required to start west until the 15th prox.

A letter requesting Mr. Hunter to proceed to San Francisco, and authorizing payment of his expenses etc., will be sent him in a few days.

I take this occasion to thank yourself, the Engraver, and other persons connected with the Mint, for the trouble taken to meet our requirements in this matter.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 U. S. Mint, U. S.
 Philadelphia.

April 27th 1878.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find coin draft on Assist. Treasurer U. S. in your City for \$30. in payment for that amount in standard silver dollars transmitted by you to this Office on the 15th inst.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 27th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

My letters of the 20th and 22nd instants, instructing you to discontinue overtime in all branches of business except such as in your opinion might be necessary in the manufacture of dies and the receipt of silver bullion. These instructions were suspended by telegraph on the following day.

I have now to state that they will take effect at the close of the present month.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint

April 27th 1878.San Francisco.

Payment for silver bullion purchased in lots of ten thousand ounces and less, must be made in standard silver dollars.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Superintendent Mint

Carson, Nevada.

(Confirmed.)

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint

April 27th 1878.San Francisco.

The party proves well qualified and will leave on fifteenth proximo. Particulars by mail.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

April 27th 1898.

The offer for sweeps will give better returns than if shipped East and if you are satisfied that it is the best local offer you can get it should be accepted and will be approved.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

April 27th 1898.

It will be sufficient for you to make weekly reports by mail of silver purchases.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

April 27th 1898.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for \$10,810.94 on account of "Parting and Refining Bullion", has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 27th 1898.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for \$13.50 on account of sale of old materials, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. J. M. Glover

April 27th 1898.Chairman Committee Expenditures
Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I have your note of this date requesting "cipher given me by Mr. S. S. Low and used by him and myself in telegraphic correspondence."

In complying with your request I beg to recall to your recollection the verbal statement made to you some weeks ago as to the origin of this cipher and the manner in which it came into my hands, which was, in substance, that Mr. Low handed it to me as I was leaving San Francisco and that I never read or examined it, or knew anything as to the words used until the receipt of a cipher despatch from him after my return to Washington, or in other words, the subjects, names, &c, embraced in the cipher Book were never named or discussed by or between us.

It is proper to state that as respects the despatch of Mr. Low in reference to the suspension of the trade dollar coinage that a similar inquiry was received from other parties, and answered on the same day that Mr. Low's despatch was answered. This correspondence will be furnished should you desire it. When done with the cipher herewith sent, please return it.

When I called upon you several weeks ago I requested that if anything should come before your Committee which in any way reflected upon my official character, or appeared to require explanation, you would afford me an opportunity to be heard. I now respectfully renew that request, and have the honor to be, very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann, Director

H. C. Baker, Esq.
 Post and Tribune
 Detroit.

April 27th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 23rd inst. requesting to be informed of "the price paid in gold coin at the U. S. Mint for one ounce of pure gold at the latest available date".

A standard gold dollar contains 23 $\frac{2}{100}$ grains of pure gold and at this rate one ounce of pure gold would realize to a depositor \$20.67 $\frac{18}{100}$ gold coin, less 1/2 of 1% for the copper required to reduce the bullion to U. S. Standard 900 fine.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. A. C. Harmer, M. C.
 House of Representatives.

April 27th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 26th inst. strongly recommending Mr. Christian K. Ross in the matter of supplying the mints with crucibles and to state in reply that we shall be very glad to give Mr. Ross an order whenever there may be an occasion for this office to purchase any crucibles, covers, etc.

Very Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

V. L. Acton, Esq.April 27th 1878.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In order to avoid any confusion likely to arise from the different orders sent you in regard to making payment for silver purchases, you are hereby notified that all purchases of ~~ten~~ thousands ounces and less made by you are to be paid for in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent MintApril 29th 1878.San Francisco.

Please forward to this office five standard silver dollars of your coinage.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

(confirmed.)

Similar telegram sent to

Supt. Mint,

Carson, Nevada.

(confirmed.)

Telegram.

Louis McLaneApril 29th 1878.

President Nevada Bank

San Francisco.

The Secretary has shown me his answer. If you should decide to receive payment in silver dollars he would deliver one million to you in New York now and another million in ten days. Certificates to be issued on deposits of that coin by Assistant Treasurers in your City will be sent in two weeks.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

(confirmed.)

Henry L. Dodge Esq.

April 29th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 20th inst. in relation to an invention known as the "Sacy Gas Governor", which was placed upon the Gas Meter of your Mint under a verbal understanding of your predecessor, that the patentee should receive \$125 - for the same if it could be shown to cause a saving of that amount in one year.

The results of the test made do not appear to show such a saving in the consumption of gas as would warrant its permanent adoption. I do not, therefore, feel at liberty to authorize the payment of the amount claimed.

If you are satisfied that the sum of \$35.25 was actually saved to the Mint by the use of this machine during January, February & March, last, as shown by the statement submitted by Mr. C. B. Hendall, you may, if you think proper pay him that amount, provided he will give a receipt if full of all demands.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

P. L.

The statement of Mr. Hendall is herewith returned.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.April 29th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a warrant to be issued on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor for the sum of Seven thousand Dollars in gold coin, payable from the appropriation for Parting and refining Bullion.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.April 29th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the month of May, has been approved for the sum of \$25,200.- from the following appropriations:

Salaries	- - 1878	- - - - -	\$ 2,200.-
Wages of Workmen	- - "	- - - - -	23,000.-

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 29th 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadel^a.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a standard silver dollar, which has been cut to prove its genuineness, I will thank you to return a perfect piece or a dollar in currency.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann, Director.

David L. Johnston, Esq.
Madison. Ga.

April 27th 1878.

Sir,

I have received your postal card of the 26th inst. relative to a half dollar of the date of 1815.

As the records of the Mint do not show that any half dollars were coined in that year, the piece to which you refer has probably been altered from one coined in 1813.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

It is possible that a few proofs or specimen pieces may have been struck in 1815.

H. R. L.

Wm. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philad^a.

April 27th 1878.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 27th inst. enclosing a communication from the Coiner in which the opinion is expressed that it will be better to have a new cast iron arch made for press no. 7 than to repair the same, and in which opinion you concur.

You are hereby authorized to award the contract for making the cast iron arch to Messrs. Sellers & Co. the bid of that firm having been the lowest received.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.

April 27. 1898

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have to request that you will forward to this office the papers in relation to the reclamation claim of the San Francisco Assaying and Refining works, and Consolidated Virginia Mining Company, which were transmitted you at the time payment of the claim was decided to be made.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Jacob Baig, Esq.

April 30. 1898.

Consul General of Guatemala
New York City, N.Y.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury under date of yesterday, having requested me to render such assistance in connection with the execution of a National coinage by the Government of Honduras, as may be consistent with the duties of my Office and compatible with the law, I have the honor to inform you that I am now ready to give you any aid that I can in the matter of the coinage referred to.

I think that the business would be expedited if we were to meet in Philadel^a and devote a day exclusively to the consideration of the several matters involved, and particularly the devices and engraving of the dies.

I will endeavor to go to Philad^a by Thursday of this week at furthest. I will telegraph you before I start when & where to meet me.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann, Director.

Hon. Nathann Cole, M.C.

April 30th 1878.

House of Representatives.

Sir:

I have received your note of current date and reply to the inquiries contained therein in the order in which they are presented.

The Mint at New Orleans was in operation until the breaking out of the civil war, at which time it was taken possession of by the authorities of the State of Louisiana; there has been no coinage since executed at that Mint.

The Assay Department, however, has within the last few years been put in operation under appropriations made by Congress for that purpose.

The land upon which the Mint building is located was conveyed to the U. S. by the City of New Orleans on the condition that if the U. S. ceased to occupy it for coinage purposes, the ground should revert to the said city.

The Mint was in operation from 1838 to January 31st 1861.

Total value gold coinage	\$ 40,381,615.
" " silver "	29,890,037.15
Grand total	\$ 70,271,652.13

There is no document which gives the total expenses of operating the New Orleans Mint.

I am unable, at present, to estimate correctly, the cost of coinage at New Orleans; it would probably be something more than at the Mint in Philadelphia and something less than the cost of coinage on the Pacific Coast.

On page 77, 78 and 79 of my Annual Report for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1877 (copy herewith) you will find Statements

showing the cost of coinage for a series of years at the mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco & Carson.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Mr. H. J. Hunter

April 30th 1878.

Care, U. S. Mint

Philad^a.

Dear Sir:

On or about the 15th prox. you will start for San Francisco, and on arriving in that city report to H. L. Dodge, Supt. U. S. Mint for duty in connection with the hardening, basining and turning of dies.

Supt. Dodge will be authorized and directed by this office to pay your necessary traveling expenses, and compensation at the rate of six dollars (\$6.) per diem from the date of your leaving Philadelphia.

Your attention is invited to the enclosed circular of this Dept. in relation to traveling expenses; and with which you will conform as far as practicable.

Before starting you will procure from the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia blank form of oath of office under your new appointment, execute the same before leaving Philad^a. and hand it to Supt. Dodge upon your arrival in San Francisco.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.April 30th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copies of correspondence with the Mint at Philadelphia in reference to the qualification of Mr. H. J. Hunter who, for some time past, has been undergoing special training at the Philad^a Mint, in hardening, basining and turning coining dies, with the understanding that when well qualified for this duty, he should be transferred to your Mint, and regularly employed there.

I also enclose copy of the letter of this date to Mr. Hunter directing him to report to you for duty, and you are hereby authorized and instructed to settle Mr. Hunter's necessary traveling expenses from Philad^a to San Francisco, and a compensation of \$6. per diem from the date of his leaving Philad^a.

After Mr. Hunter shall have reported to you, you will please submit his nomination to this Office at the rate of compensation as above stated.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.April 30th 1878.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22^d inst. transmitting certificate of deposit for \$28. on 1/4 of proceeds of sale of old materials, has been received.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockApril 30th 1878.

Sept. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith in duplicate for payment, the account of Mr. George Morgan, for services as Special Engraver during the month of April amounting to \$208.

You are hereby authorized and instructed to pay Mr. Morgan at the end of each month until further notice without having his account sent to this office for approval.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Mr. Geo. Morgan,April 30th 1878.1436 S. 40th St.Phila^{de}.

Sir:

I have approved and referred your account for the month of April to the Sept. of the Mint for payment; and have also instructed him to pay you monthly in future without referring your accounts to this office for approval.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram

R. Toledo,April 30th 1878.

35 Broadway, New York City.

Authority from Department of State only reached me today. Subject will receive my immediate attention. Will write you today or tomorrow.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Telegram. J. & W. Seligman & Co.

April 30th. 1898.

New York.

We will accept the additional amount offered in your letter of yesterday providing you will accept standard silver dollars in payment. We are not paying gold for any purchases of silver.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram. Hon. Lehas. Foster, H. R.

April 30th. 1898.

The present capacity is hardly sufficient if we are to keep up the trade dollar coinage and manufacture any considerable amount of the smaller denominations of gold coin. We can coin four millions of standard silver dollars per month in addition to any coinage of twenty dollar gold pieces likely to be required.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mining.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.

May 1st. 1898.

Bankers,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

I have this day authorized the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office in your City, to receive 150,000 ozs. fine silver from you, and make payment for the same in standard silver dollars at the rate of 118⁹⁴/₁₀₀ cents per ounce fine.

I have also instructed the Supt. to pay the approximate value of the silver on delivery.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockMay 1st 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to request that at the close of each calendar month, you will transmit to this office a statement showing:

1st The amount of Standard Silver Dollars paid for Silver parted from Gold Deposits during the month.

2nd Amount of Standard Silver Dollars paid for Silver bullion purchased during the month.

3^d Amount of Standard Silver Dollars exchanged for gold coin during the month.

You will please forward a statement containing this information for the month of April.

Respectfully

H. W. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

Supt. U. S. Mint

New York.

San Francisco.

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson.

Hon. Jas. PollockMay 1st 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 30th ult. transmitting report of coinage executed at your Mint, for the month of April, 1878.

Respectfully

H. W. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philad^a.

May 1st 1878.

Sir:

It appears from your monthly statement that the coinage of silver dollars for April exceeded two millions of pieces. This is an extraordinary coinage and when it is considered that the difficulties incident to the striking of coins from dies with new devices had to be contended with and overcome, the result is most gratifying.

In addition to this coinage the Mint has received, melted, assayed, and settled for a very large quantity of silver during the month and all this important and extremely responsible business has proceeded without accident, error or interruption.

The Director takes pleasure in tendering his thanks to all concerned for the prompt and efficient manner in which the requirements of the Department have been met by your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philad^a.

May 1st 1878.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause an additional supply of dies for standard silver dollars to be prepared and transmitted to the Mint at San Francisco, as early as may be practicable.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Y. C. Acton, Esq.May 1st 1878.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In order that we may be enabled to know at all times the approximate amount of silver bullion we may have on hand, I have to request that as soon as practicable after the party or parties from whom purchases of silver are made, that you will forward to this Office a statement of the amount delivered on each purchase.

We have received no statements of the amount delivered on purchases for coinage into standard silver dollars.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Y. C. Acton, Esq.May 1st 1878.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

We have purchased of Messrs. J. and W. Seligman & Co. for delivery at your Office 150,000 ozs. fine silver which you are authorized to receive and pay for at the rate of $118\frac{9}{10}\%$ cents per ounce fine in standard silver dollars.

You are also authorized to pay Messrs. Seligman & Co. the approximate value of the silver on delivery.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

John S. Dye, Esq.
605 Walnut St.
Philadelphia.

May 1st 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 30th ult., requesting to be informed if the "50 California slug is an authorized U. S. Coin.

The piece referred to is not an authorized United States coin, but simply a slug or bar with the U. S. stamp indicating the degree of fineness and value, affixed by a U. S. Assayer appointed by authority of law to "perform such duties in assaying and fixing the value of gold in grain and lump and in forming the same into bars as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Lazard Bros.
65 Pine Street New York
Gentlemen;

May 1st 1878.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of yesterday in which you offer to sell 500,000 oz. of fine silver at the rate of 123 cents per ounce fine payable in U. S. 4% Bonds at par less $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

The price being considerably above the market rate, your offer is respectfully declined.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

May 1st 1878.

Fifteen pairs of silver dollar dies sent
 twenty fourth ult^o. Please telegraph April
 coinage.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

May 1st 1878.

What is the lowest sum for which
 Boilers can be replaced with new ones.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director.

Gas. Crawford, Esq.

May 2^d 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint
 Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 24th ult^o in
 which you call my attention to the necessity of
 procuring a new arch for the medium
 coining press.

I will thank you to inform me as
 soon as practicable at what expense you can
 have a new arch of cast iron made by a
 responsible party on your Coast.

On this information being furnished
 I will decide whether to have it manufactured
 in Philad^a or on the Pacific Coast.

I will add that the work should be
 undertaken only by parties of well known
 reputation in the manufacture of machinery.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

May 2, 1878.

Supt. Assay Office, U. S.
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st inst. transmitting all the documents referring to the reclamation of \$9,067.81 by the "San Francisco Assaying and refining works" and the "Consolidated Virginia Mining Co."

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

U. C. Acton, Esq.

May 2, 1878.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st inst. transmitting the tariff of charges in use at your Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Telegram.

Handy & Cronise

May 2, 1878.

24 Nassau St.

New York City.

We will purchase one hundred thousand ounces fine silver at one hundred eighteen and one half cents per ounce fine payable in silver dollars.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director Minf.

Telegram.

H. Toledo.

May 2, 1878.

35 Broadway, New York City.

I will meet you at Girard House, Philadelphia, tomorrow evening.

H. R. Lindermann . Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

May 2. 1848.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant on the Treasures of the U. S. in your favor for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in gold coin, payable from appropriation for "Purifying & Refining Bullion."

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

May 2. 1848.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$26,000 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries - - - 1848 - - - \$1,000.

Wages of Workmen - - - " - - - 25,000.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

B. C. Wright, Esq.

May 2. 1848.

"Bulletin"

San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a Statement of the coinage executed at the Mint U. S. at Philadelphia during the month of April, 1848.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas Hillhouse, Esq.
 U. S. Asst. Treasurer,
 New York City.

May 3^d 1848.

Sir:

The letter of the Secretary of the Treasury of February 8th 1840 to Mr. Tolger Esq. Officer Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office, directed that all unsettled advances in coin or bullion bars, should be closed within sixty days.

An examination of the receipts which were then outstanding shows that a large proportion of these loans were not settled until in May and June of that year.

Can you inform me under what authority these matters were permitted to remain unsettled after the expiration of the sixty days named by the Secretary?

If this extension was made by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, I will thank you to refer me to the date of such instruction; and also furnish me with a copy thereof.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. John Sherman
 Secretary of the Treasury.

May 3^d 1848.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at New York to be increased two hundred and fifty thousand dollars by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

May 3^d 1878.Lieut. U. S. Mint
Philadel^a.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be struck for Joseph A. Napier, a life saving medal of the 1st class, in gold, and transmit the same, together with your account and that for the engraving and case, to this Office.

You will please cause the following to be inscribed upon the above medal viz:
"To Joseph A. Napier, for heroic daring in
rescuing the crew of the Sch. "D. F. Williams",
Oct. 10th 1877."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

May 3^d 1878.Lieut. Mint, U. S.
Philad^a.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2^d inst. enclosing a copy of a communication from your Cashier, relative to the mode of payment of coin remainders on deposits for silver bars.

You are hereby authorized to pay such coin remainders in standard silver dollars, as well as for silver parted from gold, thus making the rule uniform.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. J. M. GloverMay 3^d 1878.Chairman Committee on Expenditures
in the Treasury Dept.

Sir,

Referring to the promise made you yesterday, to furnish the amount paid for services of Commissioners, Clerks, and rent of rooms used by the Commission appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury to make an examination into the Mint and Customs Service at San Francisco, I have to state, that the amount paid was from a specific appropriation made by Congress for that purpose upon an estimate submitted by the Secretary of the Treasury, and that this Office has no record of these payments, as they were made by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, and not by that of the Director of the Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindenmeare
Director.T. C. Acton, Esq.May 3^d 1878.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

We have purchased from Messrs. Hardy and Brown, one hundred thousand ounces fine silver for delivery at your Office.

You are hereby instructed to receive the same and make payment therefor in standard silver dollars at the rate of one hundred eighteen and one half ($118\frac{1}{2}$) cents per ounce fine. Your Bullion Fund will be increased by a transfer of \$250,000.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston, Actg Director

C. J. Bowles, Esq.

May 3^d. 1878.

Assayer in Chg Assay Office, U. S.
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st inst. transmitting classified statements of the business of your Office during the month of April, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

May 3^d. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to so much of your letter of the 6th of March last, - which has been overlooked, - relative to an increase in the pay of Mr. Noggle, I have to state that I will approve of an increase of twenty-five cents per diem in the pay of Mr. Noggle to date from May 1st 1878, upon the same being submitted by you to this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram

J. & W. Seligman & Co.

May 3^d. 1878.

New York.

We will purchase one hundred thousand ounces fine silver offered by you at one hundred and eighteen cents per ounce fine, payable in Silver dollars. Offer good for today only.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Messrs. L. Von Hoffman & Co.May 3^d 1878.

Bankers, New York City.

Gentlemen;

Acknowledging your letter of yesterday in which you request an order for from one to two million ounces of silver bullion at the rate or price of 120 cents per ounce fine, payable in gold, I have to inform you that we are purchasing domestic bullion at a less rate payable in silver dollars; and furthermore, that the rule of the Department now is, to make payment for silver purchased, in silver dollars only.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Messrs. Handy & CroniseMay 3^d 1878.

24 Nassau St.

New York.

Gentlemen;

I have instructed the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York to receive and make payment for one hundred thousand ounces fine silver purchased from you at 118 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce fine.

Hereafter all orders by telegraph will be considered as good for the day only on which made, unless otherwise specified.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Act'g Director.

S. L. Acton, Esq.

May 3, 1878.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2^d inst. transmitting statement of purchases of silver on Government account, from March 26th to April 27, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.W^m C. De Bois, Esq.May 4th 1878.Assayer, Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia

Sir:

Under date of Oct. 26th 1875, a letter from Mr. Torrey, relative to assaying Doré silver, was referred to you by this Office with the request that you should reply to Mr. Torrey's inquiries. Please return Mr. Torrey's letter to this Office.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Telegram.

J. B. Colgate & Co.May 4th 1878.

47 Wall St. New York.

We will take thirty thousand ounces fine silver offered by you at one hundred and eighteen cents per ounce fines payable in standard silver dollars. Our offer good for today only.

R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Confirmed.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint,
 Philadelphia.

May 4th. 1898.

Sir:

It appears from Vouchers with your Bullion
 \$s for the fourth quarter of 1897, that the Adams
 Express Co. are charging for transporting
 subsidiary silver coin, one cent per mile
 on \$1000. without regard to the distance. The
 rate called for by the contract is one cent
 per mile under 500 miles and $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per mile
 over that distance.

I will thank you to inform this Office
 under what authority you pay one cent per mile
 on distances exceeding 500 miles.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Act'g Director.

Messrs. Lazard Freres.
 65 Pine St. New York.

May 6th. 1898.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 4th inst. in which you
 state that you think you could furnish
 about 3,000,000 ozs Silver in San Francisco, at
 122 $\frac{5}{100}$ cents per ounce fine, payable in 4%
 Bonds at par less $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, has been received.

We have today purchased silver in your
 City at the rate of 118 $\frac{12}{100}$ cents per oz. fine,
 payable in silver dollars, which is nearly
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ cents per oz. less than your offer.

Your proposition is respectfully declined.

Respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. John Sherman

May 6th, 1878.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York be increased Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.) by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars.

This increase is required to make payment for silver purchases.

Very Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.

May 6th, 1878.

New York City.

Your offer to sell one hundred and fifty thousand ounces silver at the rate of one hundred eighteen and twelve one hundredth cents per ounce fine payable in silver dollars is accepted.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint

May 6th, 1878.

San Francisco.

What amount of silver dollars do you expect to coin in all this month?

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Confirmed.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

(Confirmed.)

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

May 6th 1878.

You are authorized to put in necessary
 condensing chambers as requested in your telegram
 of fourth instant.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

May 6th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York.

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. 150,000 ozs. fine silver for
 delivery at your office. You will please
 receive and make payment for the same
 at the rate of $118 \frac{1}{100}$ cents per oz. fine in
 standard silver dollars.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

May 6th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York City.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of
 the Treasury to cause your bullion fund to
 be increased Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
 (\$500,000.) by a transfer of that amount in
 standard silver dollars.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

May 6th. 1878.

Ascertain and inform me by letter
 today rate of sterling exchange on March 15th
 and June first respectively year 1875.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco

May 6th. 1878.

what is Wells Fargo's charge for
 transporting gold coin from your City to New York.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed, 17th inst.

Louis McLane, Esq.

May 7th. 1878.

Pres't. Nevada Bank
 San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 29th ult.

The Secretary left the City yesterday for an
 absence of a few days. Before leaving he sent
 you a despatch inviting a proposition for the
 sale of 2,500,000 silver, payment in 4% U. S. B.
 or silver dollars. This will afford you an
 opportunity to name the price at which
 you are willing to sell silver and accept
 payment in either of the mediums indicat-
 ed.

After the Secretary's return I will read to
 him your letter and reply specifically to your
 inquiry. My letter to which yours is a reply
 appears to have been enclosed without a copy
 having first been taken. I will thank you to send me a
 copy.

Yours truly

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Henry Groemmer, Esq.

710 Market St.

Philadelphia.

May 7th 1878.

Sir:

I have to request that you will prepare and forward by Express to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, twenty seven (27) agates for scales, of the dimensions furnished by enclosed schedule.

You will please transmit your *o/c* for the same, together with Express receipt, to this Office for adjustment and settlement.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

No.	Length inches	Thickness inches	Width at bottom inches	Width at top inches
2	3	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{7}{16}$
4	$2\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{9}{16}$	$\frac{3}{8}$
3	$2\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{8}$
1	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{8}$
2	$1\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{5}{16}$
1	$2\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{5}{16}$
2	$2\frac{7}{8}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{9}{16}$	$\frac{7}{16}$
2	1 scanty	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{9}{16}$	$\frac{7}{16}$
1	$3\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{9}{16}$	$\frac{7}{16}$
4	$1\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{8}$
3	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{8}$
2	$1\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{7}{16}$	$\frac{3}{8}$

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Telegram.

Superintendent Assay Office

Wall St. New York.

May 7th 1878.

You are authorized to pay Seligman an approximate value on silver purchased yesterday.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint

Hon. J. M. Glover

May 7th 1898.

Chairman Committee on
Expenditures in Treasury Dept.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 4th inst. I send you herewith copies of all papers and telegrams in relation to two purchases by the United States of Dore Silver viz: one on March 15th and one on June 1st 1895.

The Seller of the first lot was the San Francisco Assaying & Refining Works. This sale was on the basis of the delivery of the bullion at New York at the rate of 126 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce fine for the silver contained. The transportation expenses to New York and the parting charge at the rate of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce gross were paid by the Seller.

The Seller of the second lot was the Consolidated Virginia Mining Company through the delivery was made partly by the San Francisco Assaying and Refining Works, apparently under some arrangement between the two companies.

This sale was on the basis of its delivery at the San Francisco Mint at the rate of 121 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce fine for silver contained. This lot of bullion was transferred to and parted at the U. S. Assay Office New York on Government account.

The amount paid by the Treas. of the San Francisco Mint, as the approximate value of the first lot was \$1,000,000. This Office does not appear to have been advised of the amount paid as the approximate value of the second lot.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. W. F. LowMay 7th 1878.

West. Anglo California Bank

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter addressed by me on the 27th ult. to Hon. J. M. Glover, Chairman Committee on expenditures, Treas. Dept., in which is given a brief account of the manner in which the cipher-book came into my possession.

I will be glad if you will furnish me without delay, with a statement of your knowledge in relation to the same subject.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

 Jas. Crawford, Esq.May 7th 1878.Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the shipment to your Mint on the 6th inst. of five pairs of dies for the standard silver dollar.

In this connection I have to request that you will report to this Office at the close of each month, the average number of pieces struck by each pair of standard dollar dies, at your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

May 7th. 1848.

Sup't. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the shipment to your Mint, on the 3^d. inst. of fifteen pairs of dies for the standard silver dollar.

In this connection I have to request that you will report to this Office, at the close of each month, the average number of pieces struck by each pair of standard dollar dies at your Mint.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Lendenmann

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

May 7th. 1848.

Sup't. Mint, U. S.

Philad^a.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be struck for Michael Gorman, a Life Saving Medal of the second class in silver, and transmit the same, together with your ϕ and that for the case and engraving, to this Office.

You will please cause the following to be inscribed upon the above medal, viz:
 "To Michael Gorman, for gallant efforts in rescuing William Smith, Nov. 18th, 1846, and George Tink, Sept. 4th, 1847, from drowning in the East River, N. Y."

Very respectfully,

H. R. Lendenmann

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

May 7th 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for \$309.85 on account of Parting and Refining has been received.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. W. L. Deering,
 House of Representatives.

May 8th 1878.

Sir:

I have received the letter of Mrs. E. C. Bennett (herewith returned) referred by you to this office, with the request that you be informed of the dates of the several enactments of laws relative to coinage.

The various laws have not been compiled.

I transmit you however by current mail, a copy of my Annual Report for 1876, on p.p. 44-45 of which are given the dates of the several enactments changing or modifying the coinage.

The Act of Feb. 21, 1853 reduced the weight of the silver coins of less denomination than the dollar for the purpose of retaining them in the Country as change money, and their tender was limited and the mode of issuing restricted to keep their purchasing power, for small payments, equal with gold.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Carson.

May 8th 1878.

Sir:

I enclose herewith duplicate B/L of 1 box
 Ingot moulds shipped you Apr. 1st 1878.

The freight on the same as far as Chicago
 has been paid from your Contingent Appropriation
 (\$5.21).

The freight on 20,000 lbs. copper, shipped
 you March 13th 1878, has been paid as far as
 Chicago from another appropriation. We have
 no B/L for the copper except the original which
 was sent with the account.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Carson City.

May 8th 1878.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current
 month has been approved for the sum of
\$7,500.- from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1878	\$2,500.
Wages of Workmen	"	2,000.
Contingent Expenses	"	3,000.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Carson.

May 8th 1878.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department, for adjustment, your Ordinary Expence & Refinery fee for the month of March, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. J. M. Glover
 Chairman, Committee on Expenditures
 in the Treasury Dept.

May 8th 1878.

Sir:

In compliance with the verbal request of Mr. Geo. W. Edelman, I transmit herewith for the use of your Committee, copies of certain letters addressed by me to F. H. Garrison, under date of Nov. 24th 1875, Jan. 6th 1876, and Feb. 7th 1876, and copies of telegrams sent by me to L. A. Garnett and Consolidated Virginia Mining Co. under date of Oct. 21st 1876.

Also a copy of an Inventory made by F. H. Garrison of furniture &c, at the San Francisco Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director

Telegram. J. and W. Seligman & Co.
 Bankers, New York, N. Y.

May 8th 1878.

We cannot pay above the equivalent of today's London rate, computed on current rate of exchange.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint.

A. Wolters, Esq.May 8th 1848.

Assayer in Charge,

Boise City, Assay Office.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the sum of Six Hundred Dollars has been appropriated for wages of workmen and contingent expenses at your Office for the current fiscal year, in an Act to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the Government for the fiscal year, 1848.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

C. J. Coombs, Esq.May 8th 1848.

Assayer in Charge, Assay Office

Charlotte.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$127.⁸⁰, from the appropriation for Salaries for the present fiscal year.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockMay 8th 1848.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadel^a.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your \$c for the manufacture of Standard Silver dollars for the month of April, 1848.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Mrs. W^m P. CraighillMay 8th 1878."Union Bank"

Baltimore Md.

Madam;

I have your letter of blank date, in which you ask my influence in behalf of the application of Miss Annie C. Jones of San Francisco for employment in the Mint in that City.

I have this day transmitted your letter to the Supt. of that Mint, who will give it a fair consideration.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Lazard Bros.May 8th 1878.

65 Pine St. New York City.

Gentlemen;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, containing copy of telegram from your San Francisco House.

We are not prepared at present to give any orders for the purchase of silver.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Chief AuditorMay 8th 1878.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary & Refining Expense A/cs of the Supt. of the Carson Mint, for the month of March, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Herman Silver, Esq.May 8th 1898.Assayer in Charge
Mint, Denver.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars, has been appropriated for wages of Workmen at your Mint for the current fiscal year, in an Act to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the Government for the fiscal year 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Thos. C. Acton, Esq.May 8th 1898.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Mearns, Handy & Cronise 100000 ounces fine silver for delivery at your office. You will please receive and make payment for the same at the rate of 117⁹⁰/₁₀₀ cents per ounce fine in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.H. L. Dodge, Esq.May 8th 1898.Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I return herewith for signature of the Assayer, Report upon Gold Bullion No 3286, belonging to your Bullion Co, for the 4th quarter, 1897.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.May 8th 1878.Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith duplicate bill of lading for 12 barrels Nitric Acid, shipped you by the B. & O. R. R. Feb'y 26th 1878. The freight on this acid to Chicago, amounting to \$31.²³, has been paid from your Contingent Appropriation.

The freight on 40,000 lbs. Copper, shipped you on the 13th of March, 1878, to Chicago, has also been paid from another appropriation.

We have no duplicate B/L for the Copper.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.H. L. Dodge, Esq.May 8th 1878.Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars, has been appropriated for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year in an "Act to provide for deficiencies in the Appropriations for the service of the Government, for the fiscal year, 1878."

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Telegram. Handy & CroniseMay 8th 1878.24 Nassau St.
New York.

Your offer accepted, payable in standard silver dollars.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Handy & CroniseMay 8th 1898.

24 Nassau St.

New York.

We cannot go above exact parity today. Our quotation is 53½ pence.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

Telegram.

Handy & CroniseMay 8th 1898.

24 Nassau St.

New York.

Cannot increase amount on terms of last sale. will consider an offer from you payment in silver dollars.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.May 9th 1898.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 30th ult. transmitting five standard silver dollars of the coinage of your Mint.

I am gratified to be able to inform you that these coins in execution and finish, are creditable to your Mint and to the skill of the employees of the same.

A draft to re-imburse you for their value will be mailed to-morrow.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 San Francisco.

May 7th. 1898.

Sir:

The "Act to prohibit the coinage of the twenty-cent piece of silver" having become a law you are hereby instructed to discontinue such coinage and to deliver to the Melter and Refiner as bullion, any pieces of the above denomination, that may be in your custody.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Similar letter addressed to
 Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

May 9th. 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st inst. reporting the sale of two lots of seisep, in all 387 Barrels, to W. G. Reno for 39% of the assay value.

Your action in the matter is hereby approved.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

May 9th. 1898.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th ult. enclosing statement of silver purchased from the 3rd to the 26th of April 1898, has been received.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Sup't. Mint, U. S.
 Philadelphia.

May 9th 1878.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3^d inst. relative to melting down the twenty-cent pieces now on hand at your Mint.

This Office having been notified of the passage of the Act prohibiting the coinage of the twenty-cent piece, you are hereby instructed to discontinue such coinage and to transfer as bullion to the Melter and Refiner to be melted all pieces of this denomination in the hands of the Coiner and also those in your custody, including those in proof sets.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Sup't. Mint,
 Philadelphia.

May 9th 1878.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 7th inst. in relation to your requisition for minor coinage redemption certificates, made April 4th last, I have to advise you that the Book was forwarded to you by mail on the 27th ult.

You will please advise this Office if it has not yet been received.

The two dozen rolls of red tape will be sent you today.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philad^a.

May 9th 1878.

Sir:

I transmit herewith in duplicate, medal-fund vouchers for one Life-Saving Medal of the first class, forwarded by you to this Office on the 8th inst. Your account for the same has been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York.

May 9th 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst. transmitting Statement showing the items composing the Bullion Fund of your Office, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York.

May 9th 1878.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for settlement your Bullion ^{Ac} for the 4th quarter, 1877.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.

May 9th 1898.

Capt. U. S. Army, Officer,
New York.

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. for delivery at your Office 100000 ounces fine silver which you will please receive and pay for at the rate of 117 $\frac{84}{100}$ cents per ounce fine in standard silver dollars.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Hon. W^m Windom

Chairman Committee of Appropriations
U. S. S.

May 9th 1898.

Dear Sir:

The increasing magnitude of our coinage and bullion operations adds greatly to the duties, responsibility and labors of the Director of the Mint, and which Officer receives under existing laws \$1000. per annum less than the Treasurer of the United States and Superintendent of the Coast Survey, and \$500. less than the 1st & 2^d. Comptrollers of the Treasury and Comptroller of the Currency.

The Office of Director of the Mint ranks with these named, and the salary \$4500. per annum, should in my opinion be increased. I most respectfully request that yourself and the other members of the Committee will examine and consider the question.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Asst. Mint, U. S.
 Carson.

May 9th. 1878.

Sir:

The five specimen standard silver dollars transmitted from your Mint have been carefully examined and found to be in execution and finish, very creditable to your Mint.

I am unable to suggest wherein any improvement could be made.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.
 New York.

May 9th. 1878.

Gentlemen:

I have instructed the Superintendent of the Assay Office to receive and make payment for 100,000 ounces fine silver purchased of you this day, at the rate of 117 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per ounce fine, payment for same to be made in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Telegram. J. & W. Seligman & Co.
 New York.

May 9th. 1878.

We will take one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred and seventeen and eighty four hundredths cents per ounce fine, payable in standard silver dollars, offer good for today only.

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Confirmed.

Henry Grossman, Esq.

710 Market St.

Philadelphia.

May 9th 1878.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this Office with an estimate of the amount for which you will undertake to manufacture for the use of the Mint at San Francisco, the following weights, viz:

~~Four~~ 500 ounce weights; ~~One~~ each of 300, 200 and 100 ounces; ~~Two~~ each of 50, 30, 20, 10, 5, 3, 2 and 1 ounce.

All to be solid with sufficient space under the head to admit of re-adjusting.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Robt. M. Reynolds, Esq.1st Auditor.May 9th 1878.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion A/c of the Supt. of the New York Assay Office of the 4th quarter of the calendar year, 1877.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. J. M. Glover

Chairman, Comt on Expenditures in Treasury Dept.

House of Representatives

May 9th 1878.

Sir:

In compliance with your verbal request of this morning I transmit herewith a copy of the statement furnished you a few days since, which you say has been mislaid.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Dr. A. P. TompkinsMay 9th. 1878.

1629 Arch St.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 7th inst. in behalf of Mr. Tompkins of your City, and his employment in the Mint.

In reply I would say that if the Officers of that institution can find any place in which his services can be employed, and will submit his nomination, I shall be happy to approve the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Hon. John ShermanMay 9th. 1878.

Cleveland, Ohio.

Nevada Bank reply is that they do not care to sell silver for four per cents or silver dollars. No further action will be taken until your return. We continue moderate purchases in New York London price 53 1/2 pence. Coinage proceeding in good order.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

 Jas. Crawford Esq.May 10th. 1878.Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find coin draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco for five '5, dollars, in payment of that amount in silver dollars transmitted by you to this Office on the 29th.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Leonard, Esq.

May 10th, 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

Carson.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for \$479.07 on account of "parting and refining bullion" has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

D. C. Acton, Esq.

May 10th, 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

If Seligman's bars are of a character to enable the value to be approximately determined before Assay, you are authorized to pay approximate value on purchases of 100,000 ounces at $117\frac{84}{100}$ cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

May 10th, 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense $\frac{1}{2}$ for the month of April, 1878.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

May 10th 1878.

Sept. 4. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 6th inst. enclosing a notice from the Local Superintendent of the Adams Express Co. under date of December 16th 1876, to the effect that the contract of that company for the transportation of coins and bullion had been modified to take effect from April 1st 1876,

I transmit herewith for your information, a copy of a letter from S. M. Shreve, Resident Manager of the Adams Express Co. at Baltimore dated January 20th 1876, to the Secretary of the Treasury, and his reply thereto under date of Jan. 27th 1876, from which you will readily perceive that the contract has not been modified, and that it will be necessary for you to demand of said company the amount paid them for transportation of subsidiary silver coin in excess of contract rate, viz: one cent a mile per ~~mm~~ for five hundred miles, and for all over five hundred, one half-cent per mile.

You will please give this matter your immediate attention and report to this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

May 10th 1878.

Sept. Mint,
Philadelphia

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst. relative to the amount for which transfer orders for standard silver dollars should be drawn, I

decided to comply with your request.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Henry Troimmer, Esq.

710 Market St.

Philadelphia.

May 10th 1898.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. enclosing your bill for the standard weights delivered to this office on the 2^d inst.

Your account has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement; and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be forwarded to you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

E. A. Fisher, Esq.

13 Burling Slip

New York.

May 10th 1898.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst. has been referred to the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, with instructions to report the result of the trial of the zinc furnished by you to that Mint. As soon as the report of Mr. Dodge is received, I shall communicate with you on the subject.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

R. Toledo, Esq.

May 10th 1898.

"35 Broadway, New York

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of yesterday and thank you for your kindness in sending me the Specimen postage Stamps of your Country.

I am sorry that the two gentlemen whom I recommended for employment by your Government in fitting up and conducting a mint, have declined to accept the terms offered by you.

I think it would not be good policy for you to employ men not known to be well qualified for the business which you desire to accomplish.

It is, in my opinion, of first importance that men of the qualifications of the two recommended to you, should be selected in preference to men of less qualifications and experience at lower rates of compensation, and I would advise you to consider well, the question whether you had not better comply with the terms of the two parties, as it would result in the success of your Coinage.

I do not know where to find two other men of qualifications such as would justify me in recommending them to you.

It is probable they could be procured in San Francisco.

I would advise you to call upon Thomas B. Acton, Esq. Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office in New York, and Prof. Bernard, President of the Columbia College School of Mines, who will probably be able to give you some valuable suggestions in relation to procuring the services you require.

I need not add that I am ready to

do anything in my power to serve you in this matter and you will please communicate with me whenever you feel so inclined.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. J. M. Glover

May 10th 1898.

House of Representatives.

Sir:

In compliance with the verbal request of Mr. Edelman, I enclose herewith a copy of a telegram sent from this Office under date of June 9th 1895 to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, and also a copy of a letter to the Supt. of the Assay Office at New York, dated June 10th 1895.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. J. M. Glover

May 10th 1898.

Chairman, Com. on Expenditures
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the verbal request of Mr. George A. Edelman, I transmit herewith a copy of a telegram sent under date of September 4th 1896, by R. E. Preston, Acting Director, to L. A. Barnett, San Francisco.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.May 10th. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find coin Draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco, for five (\$5) dollars, in payment of that amount in silver dollars transmitted by you to this Office on the 30th ult.:

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.May 11th. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3^d inst. transmitting classified statements of the business of your Mint, for the month of April, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.May 11th. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3^d inst. enclosing Certificate of Deposit #884 for the sum of four hundred sixty-seven $\frac{2}{100}$ dollars (467. $\frac{2}{100}$), on account of sale of old materials."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.May 11th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd inst. enclosing Certificate of Deposit #882 in the sum of three thousand two hundred eighty $\frac{18}{100}$ dollars (\$3,280. $\frac{18}{100}$), the same being the earnings of the Refinery from April 14th to 30th ult.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockMay 11th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I return herewith duly signed, the Medal Fund Vouchers in duplicate, enclosed in your letter of the 10th inst. The $\frac{9}{16}$ for the same has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be forwarded to you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockMay 11th 1878.

Supt. Mint. U. S. Phila.

Sir:

I send you by today's mail the Book of Receipts for minor coins for redemption, for which you made requisition on the 19th ult.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

May 17th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

It appears that the sweeps that accumulated at the New York Assay Office from 1861 to July 1869 were, from time to time sold for U. S. Notes, which notes were retained by the Treasurer of the Assay Office until the month and year last named.

One of the reasons assigned for departing from the previous uniform practice to sell for gold coin was, that no bids for the sweeps payable in gold coin could be obtained.

I will thank you to examine the records of your Mint, and inform me whether there was any difficulty in selling the sweeps of the Mint for gold coin during the period reported.

I suppose the sales were all made by the Treasurer of the Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

May 17th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadel^a.

Sir:

Mr. Morgan informs me that impressions of die from the new hub may be struck on Tuesday next.

In order that I may see whether the alteration of the border is satisfactory, you will please send me a specimen as soon as struck.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

T. L. Arcton, Esq.

May 11th 1898.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

It appears that the Melters & Refiners Receipts were, from 1861 to July 1869, sold for U. S. Notes instead of coin, and that the paper currency which accumulated from such sales during the above period, was retained by the Treasurer of the Assay Office until July 1869, a period of eight years, before an account was rendered to the Treasury Department for adjustment. It also appears that the total amount of currency which accrued from the sale of receipts was \$17,621.38 or an average of about \$2,000. per annum.

I will be obliged if you will furnish me, without delay, a statement showing the quantity of receipts sold, weight in pounds and price per pound at which sold from 1861 to July 1869.

You will also state by whom these receipts were sold and whether under sealed bids or otherwise.

I should also like to be informed how the difference between the Assay value of the receipts and the net proceeds of their sale was accounted for in rendering and adjusting the Bullion A/c's.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

V. C. Axtell, Esq.May 11th. 1878.Lieut. U. S. Army Office
New York City.

Sir:

I will thank you to send me a blank form of receipt or certificate of deposit given to depositors of gold bullion for coin and bars at your office from 1866 to Jan. 1870.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Hon. J. M. Glover, M. C.May 11th. 1878.Chairman Com. of Expenditures in
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I have your letter of this date requesting me to furnish your committee with the key to the cipher wherein were written the despatches of my correspondent "Gem", in San Francisco.

In reply I have the honor to state that as I informed you verbally a day or two since, there is no written or printed key, it being simply an arrangement of words, which I will explain at any time it may suit your convenience.

At the last meeting of your committee you directed the stenographer to allow me to examine all statements and testimony made or given by Mr. Geo. W. Edelman, or others.

As I do not know where the stenographer resides, I beg to say that I will call at your rooms on Monday morning 13th inst. at 9 o'clock A. M. when I hope it will suit to show me the statements and testimony referred to.

Will you please see that this opportunity is afforded me.

I will, at the same time, show any

one whom you may name, the mode of placing the words contained in the despatches of "Gem" in correct form for reading.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Henry Troemner, Esq.
710 Market St. Phila.

May 11th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 9th. inst. offering to make the solid brass weights enumerated in letter of this Office of the 8th. inst., for the sum of one hundred and eighty '80, dollars.

Your offer is hereby accepted. You will please forward the weights by Express to the Mint at San Francisco, and transmit your bill for the same, together with Express receipt, to this Office for settlement.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Mr. Geo. Morgan
436 S. 4th St.
Philade.

May 11th 1878.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday enclosing impression of alteration of inscription reverse Presidential Medal die; The same appears to be all right and you will proceed with the completion of the die.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

W. W. Storr, Esq.May 11th 1898.

13 Bradley St.

New Haven, Conn.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2^d. inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting to be informed of the authority for placing "In God we trust" upon the coins of the United States has been referred to this Office.

I transmit you by current mail a copy of my Annual Report for 1893 containing the "Coinage Act of 1893" Section 18 of which - on pp 29 of the report, is the authority that you request to be informed of.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Gas. Crawford, Esq.May 11th 1898.Subt. Mint, U. S.
Kansas.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3^d. inst. transmitting classified statements of the business of your Office for the month of April, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.May 13th 1898.

Special Employee

Sir:

I desire you to come here for three or four days in reference to some official business.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

May 11th 1898
 Telegram. Louis McLane

May 13th 1898.

President Nevada Bank
 San Francisco.

We will purchase from you one and a half million ounces fine silver at the rate of one hundred and eighteen cents per ounce.

Three fourths to be delivered at San Francisco Mint balance at Carson Mint. Settlement one half in gold coin and one half in standard silver dollars, offer good for two days.

(Signed, John Sherman

Secretary of the Treasury.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint,
 San Francisco.

May 13th 1898.

You are authorized to purchase dore bullion sufficient to give five hundred thousand ounces fine silver at the rate of one hundred and eighteen cents per ounce fine. One half of the purchase to be settled for in gold coin and one half in standard silver dollars. Seller paying parting charges, offer good for two days.

(Signed, John Sherman

Secretary of the Treasury.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, San Francisco.
 Sir:

May 13th 1898.

I exhibited to the Secretary of the Treasury this morning your dispatch of 10th inst. stating price at which Dore Silver was offered. After consultation the Secretary decided to authorize you to purchase on terms therein named, and to make a similar offer on same terms to the Nevada Bank.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

May 13th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Geo. C. Thompson, Mint Clerk of the Adams Express Co. by the local Superintendent of said company in your City, giving the rates to be charged by said company for the transportation of Silver from the Mint, after May 1st inst. I have to state that no modification of the contract of the Adams Express Co. covering the rates to be charged for the transportation of Silver coin has been agreed to, by the Secretary of the Treasury, and that according to the Department interpretation of the original contract, the amount to be paid for transportation is 1 cent a mile per thousand dollars for distances not exceeding 500 miles, and when the distance exceeds 500 miles the charge for the whole distance is to be at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ cent a mile per \$1000. For instance if the Company transported \$1000 in Silver 800 miles, the amount they would be entitled to charge would be $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per mile or \$4.00.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

May 13th 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philad^a

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst. enclosing communication from your barstier, suggesting

that it would be better to retain the 20 pieces in the few proof sets now in your hands, I have to state that I see no objection to your doing so, but no further delivery of these pieces, or of proof sets containing them, will be made to the Superintendent by the Coiner.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Louis M. Lane, Esq.

Pres^t Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

May 13th 1898.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 29th ult. in which you request me to state what law the Secretary and myself refer to in the use of the phrase "at rates that will be justified by the law"

I have to inform you that according to my understanding it means that Bonds shall be sold as prescribed by law, and silver purchased at market rate determined according to the usages of business and the best judgment that can be formed, taking into consideration supply and demand at London, New York and San Francisco.

The Secretary has made you another offer today which I hope may meet your views.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. A. London Inwooder
Post Office, Philad^a.

May 13th 1898.

Yrs.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mining

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 18th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the reference to this Office for report, the following Resolution of the Senate of the United States, viz:

"In the Senate of the United States"
May 10th 1878.

"Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to furnish the Senate with a statement of the circumstances under which the receipt of deposits at the different Mints, for coinage into trade dollars was suspended in October eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, together with copies of all correspondence in relation to the same."

The receipt at the Mints of deposits of silver for returns in trade dollars was suspended in October last, for the reason that the coinage of those pieces was in excess of the export demand, and for the additional reason, that owing to the decline in the price of silver, and the appreciation of U. S. Notes, trade dollars were being placed in domestic circulation contrary to the intention of the law authorizing their coinage.

Copies of all correspondence upon the subject are herewith transmitted, and the resolution of the Senate returned.

Very respectfully

W. R. Linderman
Director.

Meens, Lazard Brothers
New York City.

May 13^d. 1898.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury is not inclined at present to consider offers for the sale of silver payable in four per cent Bonds.

We will purchase silver for delivery at the Assay Office New York at the equivalent of the London rate computed at current rate of exchange on the day of purchase payable in Standard Silver dollars. Offers made by letter or telegraph will be acted on promptly, on the day of the receipt of the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Telegram.

Sept. 4. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

May 14^d. 1898.

You may pay Handy & Bronise such approximate value on Silver delivered under last purchase as you may deem safe.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 14^d. 1898.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) in bronze one cent pieces to be transferred from the Treasurer of the U. S. to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for re-issue, the supply of such coin at the Mint being exhausted.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 14th 1878.

Sir:

The enclosed copy of a letter of Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, dated Nov. 21st last, explains the necessity for some alterations and additions to the Assay Department of that Institution, the expense of which he estimates at from six to eight thousand dollars.

I respectfully request that you procure an appropriation of say \$6,500. to defray the expenses of the alterations and additions above referred to.

The Steam boilers at the Carson Mint have become from long use so defective as not to be safe. The Superintendent estimates the cost of replacing the same and enlarging and re-building the boilerhouse at nearly nine thousand dollars; for this purpose it will be necessary to procure an appropriation of \$8,500. during the present session of Congress.

I would add that as these alterations can be better and more economically made during the suspension of minting operations, for the Annual settlement of the accounts of the Operative Officers, which it is expected will commence about the 15th prox. the appropriations should be made available on the passage of the Act in which they may be embraced.

Referring to the items of appropriation in Bill H. R. 4104, under the head of United States Mints and Assay Offices, I notice that on page 37, line 893 an Assistant Messenger is provided for. The title under existing laws is

annum. The position is filled by a very reliable young man, who in consequence of the limited clerical force of this Office, performs clerical duties in addition to those of messenger, and considering him well entitled to the compensation stated I hope that his title and compensation will remain as it now is under existing laws.

A recent examination of the requirements of the different Assay Offices shows that an increase in the following items will be necessary, viz: For the Mint at Denver, operated as an Assay Office, -

For wages of workmen from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

fuel, lights, acids &c. " \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Assay Office at Helena, -

Salary of Melter from \$1,800 to \$2,200.

This position is on a par with the Office of Melter at the Denver Mint, and the salary should be the same.

Instead of one clerk of class one, one clerk at \$1500. per annum.

In case of the absence of the Assayer in charge from sickness or otherwise, the clerk filling this position, acts for the Assayer and it is a correspondingly important position.

For wages of workmen \$3400. to \$7,500.

Assay Office at Boise City.

For wages of workmen, fuel, crucibles, chemicals &c. from \$2,000. to \$2,500.

Assay Office at Charlotte.

For labor and other expenses from \$350. to \$500.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

May 14th, 1898.

Sir:

This will be handed to you by Prof. Eimbeck, Assistant in the Coast Survey, who will be engaged in the vicinity of Carson for some time on official duty.

Prof. Eimbeck will occasionally leave his instruments in safe keeping at your Mint and I request for him your kind attentions.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

May 14th, 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 4th inst. transmitting a copy of Regulations and Instructions, amended with the schedule of charges now in force in your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 14th, 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th inst. transmitting a copy of the "Regulations and Instructions" amended by the tariff of charges now in force at your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

G. Kopp, Esq.May 14th 1898.

Princeton, N. J.

Sir:

Your postal card of the 13th inst. addressed to the U. S. Treasurer, inquiring the legal weight and fineness of the gold dollar $2\frac{1}{2}$ and 5 piece, has been referred to this Office.

The weight of the gold dollar is 25 $\frac{8}{10}$ grains troy, of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ piece, 64 $\frac{1}{2}$ grains, and of the 5 piece 129 grains, all of the fineness of 900 thousandths.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. Silver, Esq.May 14th 1898.

Assayer in Charge Mint, U. S.

Denver.

Sir:

This will introduce to you Mr. O. H. Tittman nephew of Prof Hilgard and Assistant in the Coast Survey, who will be engaged in the vicinity of Denver for some time on official duty, and for whom I bespeak your kind attentions.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.May 15th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to advance you the sum of Five Thousand Dollars in gold coin from the appropriation for "Purifying & Refining Bullion."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

R. Toledo, Esq.May 15th 1878.

Care - Jacob Bacy

35 Broadway, N.Y.

Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of the 11th. inst. I enclose herewith copy of letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philade^a, dated yesterday in which the suggestion is made that you correspond directly with Mr. Barber and Mr. Pacquet on the subject of the preparation of your dies, and in which suggestion I concur.

In view of the many details to be arranged in connection with the preparation of the dies, I think the course recommended would expedite the business.

After you shall have made your arrangements with Messrs. Barber & Pacquet I will give the necessary directions in reference to the use of the reducing lathe and other appliances at the Mint, in the preparation of the dies.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

M. F. Bongars, Esq.May 15th 1878.

Assayer in Charge

New Orleans Mint.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, for the month of April, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to,

A. Wolters, Esq.

Assayer in Charge

R. Wolters, Esq.

May 15, 1878.

Assayer in Charge

Assay Office, Boise City.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$170.⁴⁰ from the following appropriation, viz:

Salaries	- - -	1878 -	\$170. ⁴⁰
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Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

M. T. Bonjans, Esq.

May 15, 1878.

Assayer in Charge

Mint, New Orleans.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$641.²⁵ from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	- - -	1878	\$383. ⁴⁰
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Wages of Workmen	- - -		257. ⁸⁵
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Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. James B. Colgate & Co.
New York City.

May 15, 1878.

We do not desire to make offer but will consider any offer you may make.

H. R. Linderman

Director

Longfirmed.

Telegram. James B. Colgate & Co.
47 Wall St. New York.

May 15, 1878.

Your offer declined

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Confirmed.

C. E. Bolton, Esq.

May 16th 1878.

38 & 40 Reade St.

New York.

Sir:

In reply to the queries embraced in your letter of the 10th inst., I have to reply as follows, viz:

The weight of a cubic inch of fine gold is 10.1509 ounces troy, value \$209.84; of standard gold (900 fine), 9.0989 ounces value \$169.28.

The weight of a cubic inch of fine silver is 5.5225 ounces troy, value at its coining rate \$7.14; of standard silver 5.4173 ounces, coining value \$6.30+

The present average production of gold and silver in the United States is estimated at, gold, \$45,100,000. Silver, \$38,950,000.

I am unable to furnish you with the value of gold and silver coin and bullion in the World, as the data is too meagre on which to base an estimate, neither have I sufficiently reliable figures showing the present stock in France and Germany, the latter Empire having, during a recent period of times, largely increased her stock of gold at the expense of silver.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. Silver, Esq.

May 16th 1878.

Assayer in Charge

Mint Denver.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense $\checkmark$ for the month of April, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

H. Silver, Esq.May 16th 1898.Assayer in Charge
Mint, Denver.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$1,555.⁵⁰ from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries - - - 1898. - - - \$677.⁰⁰Wages of Workmen - " - - - 898.⁵⁰

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Messrs. Handy and Bros.May 16th 1898.

24 Nassau St.

New York.

Gentlemen;

Your offer of current date to sell and deliver at the U. S. Assay Office at New York one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of fine silver, at the rate of one hundred and seventeen and ninety-six one hundredths ($17\frac{96}{100}$) cents per ounce fine, in standard silver dollars, is accepted.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Telegram.

Louis McLane,May 16th 1898.

President Nevada Bank.

We will receive bid from you in any form for sale of fine silver deliverable at both San Francisco and Carson Mints.

H. R. Lindermann

Director Mining.

Confirmed.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Sept. 4. Mint
 San Francisco.

May 16th. 1878.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 18th inst. in relation to the appropriations for your Mint for the current fiscal year, I have to say that the balances as shown by your books to the credit of the appropriations for Salaries and Wages of Workmen were correct on the date of your letter; and I enclose a statement of the account with your Contingent Appropriation, showing the balance to the credit of the appropriation to be - \$12,528.⁹⁵.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

John B. Hogan, Esq.
 "N. Y. Dispatch"
 11 Frankfort St.
 New York.

May 16th. 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst. addressed to Hon. E. Young, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, requesting to be informed of the date of original issue of the twenty cent silver piece, has been referred to this office.

The Act authorizing the coinage of the above mentioned piece became a law March 3^d. 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

William Ledyard Ellsworth
525 North 43rd St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 16th 1898.

Sir:

You are hereby notified that all appointments to employment in the Mints and Assay Offices of the U. S. are vested by law in the Officers in charge thereof, and all applications for positions in the Mints and Assay Offices should be made to them, and not to this Office.

Applications addressed to the Director of the Mint will be referred as above and without recommendation.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

In accordance with the above, your letter has been referred to Superintendent Pollock of the Philad.^a Mint.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

G. C. Sinton, Esq.

May 16th 1898.

Supt. Assay Office, N. York.

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Messrs. Handy and Bronner, one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces fine silver for delivery at your Office which you will please receive and pay for at the rate of one hundred and seventeen and ninety-six one hundredths (117 $\frac{96}{100}$) cents per ounce fine in Standard Silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

May 16th 1878.

Notify holders of silver that we will
receive bids for sale in any form.

H. R. Lindemann

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram.

Hon. J. M. Glover

May 15th 1878.

House of Representatives

Please notify me of the time when
Mr. Mason of the New York Assay Office is to be
examined, as I desire to be present. Oblige

H. R. Lindemann

Director Mint.

T. C. Acton, Esq.May 17th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

Mr. Geo. W. Edelmans in his testimony before the
Committee on Expenditures in the Treasury Department
has testified that his examinations at your office
were obstructed by you and at my instigation.

He has also testified in relation to the re-
mission of bar charges in such terms as to imply
falsification.

I send you herewith a copy of so much of his
testimony as refers to the last named point.

It is due to the service that you have an
opportunity to refute these statements by stating
under oath the facts of the case. I have therefore
requested the chairman of the Committee to
summon you to give testimony.

My object in writing you and sending the
part of Mr. Edelmans' testimony is, that you may
be prepared from the examination of your books
records to answer such questions as may be

asked in relation to the points indicated.

I presume you will be summoned to appear the early part of the coming week.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

May 17th 1878.

Sept. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to request that you will transmit to Mr. R. Toledo, No. 35 Broadway N. Y. the drawings, designs and old dies that were left at your mint, as Mr. Toledo advises me that he proposes to have his dies made in New York.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. Hamilton Hamlin, U. S. S.

May 17th 1878.

Senate Chamber.

Sir:

In compliance with request as per postal card of 16th inst. I called today at the Senate Chamber at half past one A.M. but the messenger was unable to find you.

I am usually at the Treasury Building from 9 A.M. until 4 P.M., but if I can find time to do so I will call upon you at another time.

Very Truly yours

H. R. Lindermann

Director Mint.

R. Toledo, Esq.May 17th. 1898.35 Broadway
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 16th inst. requesting that the drawings, designs and old dies left by you at the Mint in Philad^a be returned to you, and I have instructed the Superintendent of that Mint to comply with your request.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Hon. Edward McPhersonMay 17th. 1898.

Chief of Bureau of Engraving & Printing

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will have a plate engraved and print on fibre paper and bind 50 books, containing 100 checks each, for the use of the U. S. Assay Office at New York as per sample accompanying.

You will please render the bills for the same to this office for payment.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Marcelous Gordon, Esq.May 17th. 1898.

Philippi, Barbour Co. W. Va.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 15th inst. transmitting a sample of ore for assay, and have referred the same to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philad^a for examination and report.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Telegram

Louis M Lane, Esq.
President Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

May 17th 1878.

From two to three
million ounces deliverable in instalments
about one third at barson.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 18th 1878.

Sir:

I would like you to examine the records
and inform me as early as possible what re-
coinages of gold were made on account of the U. S.
or for the U. S. Treasurer, from 1853 to January
14th 1875; and whether the coinage charge or any
other charge was imposed.

Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 18th 1878.

Sir:

One Miss Bookes informs me today that
she has applied for a position in your
Mint, and that she now desires to with-
draw her application.

At her request I desire that you will
send her papers to this office as soon as con-
venient, when they will be handed to her.

Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. W. L. DeeringMay 15th 1898.

House of Representatives

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th inst. relative to the amount of gold and silver coin believed to be in the United States each year, since 1832, I send you by current mail a copy of my Annual Report for 1895, on page 98 of which is the only statement that I am aware of, that embraces the information you request.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

B. F. O. Hubbard, Esq.May 18th 1898.1st Nat. Bank

Monmouth. Ill.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 15th inst. inquiring what would be the probable loss in selling Mexican silver coins to the Government as bullion?

At the present quotation for silver, Mexican dollars sold as bullion at the Mint in Philadelphia would realize to the seller about 92½ ¢ per piece. Payment made in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. James B. Bolgate & Co.May 18th 1898.

47 Wall St. New York.

We accept your offer payment to be made in standard silver dollars.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Louis McLaneMay 17th 1898.

President, Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

From two to three millions ounces deliverable
in instalments about one third at Carson.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director Mining.

Telegram.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

May 18th 1898.

I desire you to come here for
consultation on official business not later
than Wednesday. Bring with you state-
ments showing disposition made of pro-
ceeds of deposit melting-room sweeps two
last fiscal years.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

May 20th 1898.

You can pay Handy & borrow approximate
value on last purchase to such extent
as you deem safer.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram.

Parker HandyMay 20th 1898.

24 Nassau St. New York.

I am unable to form or give any
answer upon the subject.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Sup't. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 20th 1878.

Sir:

In a letter from Louis McLane, Pres't. Nevada Bank dated 8th inst. to the Secretary of the Treasury, is the following paragraph:—"The Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint informs me today, that he is authorized to pay gold coin for fine silver."

There must be some mistakes about this, as we are paying only silver dollars or silver certificates for silver purchases.

It is possible that you consider an order given some time ago to purchase silver at the equivalent of the London rate and which was not fully executed, to be still in force. If so, you will please consider that order or authority abrogated, and pay for silver purchases only in silver dollars.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
 Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

May 20th 1878.

You are authorized to purchase from the Bank of California and Anglo California Bank one million sufficient to give five hundred thousand ounces fine silver at the rate of one hundred eighteen and a half cents per ounce fine payable in standard silver dollars at San Francisco seller to pay Mint charges, also to purchase twenty thousand ounces crude silver from Lagard Freres upon same terms. Silver Certificates will arrive in your City Saturday morning.

H. R. Lindemann, Director Mint

W. R. Johnston, & Co.May 20th 1898.

Luling,

Texas.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, inquiring what you can get for Mexican coin at the Mint and to whom you shall ship the same, has been referred to this office.

Mexican Silver coin not being a legal tender in the United States, possessed simply a value as bullion; as such - at our last quotations for silver bullion - they will realize to the seller about 92½¢ to the dollar, if full weight.

By sending them to the Mint at Philadelphia they will be purchased at the current rate for silver bullion on the day of purchase, and payment be made in standard silver dollars.

All Express charges at the expense of the seller.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. John ShermanMay 20th 1898.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York be increased Five Hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.) by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars. This transfer is necessary in order to enable the Superintendent to make payment for silver purchased.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann, Director.

Hon. Jns. P. Jones, U. S. S.
Senate Chamber.

May 20th 1878

Sir:

I send you herewith the report of the Assayer of the Philadelphia Mint, of an assay of sample ore from "Southern California", handed by you to me some weeks since.

I have been applied to by parties for copies of the Report of the Silver Commission, and if you can supply me with, from one to five copies, I shall be greatly obliged. I should also like ten or twelve copies of the second volume of same Report whenever it shall be ready for distribution.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Louis McLane, Esq.

May 20th 1878.

President of the Nevada Bk
of San Francisco.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has handed me your letter of the 8th inst. calling my attention, at the same time, to the concluding paragraph thereof which states that the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint had informed you that he was authorized to pay gold coin for fine silver.

In order that there may be no misunderstanding on this point, I deem it proper to inform you that the Supt. has no authority to pay in gold coin for silver purchased.

The mistake has probably arisen from the fact that some weeks ago Mr. Dodge was authorized to purchase some 300,000 ounces of silver at the equivalent of the London rate, and pay for

the same in gold coin. He was not able to purchase the amount, and afterwards he was directed to pay only in silver dollars.

The attention of that Officer has been called to the error by letter today.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director

Hon. B. Wilson

May 20th 1878.

House of Representatives.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 18th inst. referring a letter of Lehas. P. McCoy, relative to bringing into use a unit for all coins, for my opinion thereon.

The proposition is certainly a novel one, but does not in my opinion possess sufficient merit to entitle it to serious consideration.

The metric system is based upon the gramme and not upon the troy ounce; the plan proposes decimally expressing the amount of pure gold or silver in the coins in troy weight which is a step backward from the metric system.

Our silver coins of less denomination than the dollar conform already to the metric system, the half dollar being $12\frac{1}{2}$ grammes, the quarter $6\frac{1}{4}$ gr.; the French five franc piece being 25 grammes, or the equivalent of two half dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director

Hon. W. H. DunnellMay 20th 1878.

House of Representatives.

Sir:

Hon. Edw. Conng, Chief of Bureau of Statistics has referred to this Office an extract from your letter requesting to be informed of the aggregate volume of paper money afloat in the United States July 1, 1860 and also the amount of gold and silver in the United States at the same time.

The Bank circulation in 1860 (see Report of Comptroller of the Currency for 1876) amounted to \$207,102,477, and the specie in the country at that date was \$275,000,000. (Report of Director of the Mint for 1875)

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.May 30th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to explain the differences existing between two statements furnished from your office showing the amount realized from sale of by-products during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1878.

In the statement under date of July 29th 1878, you present the following:

Amount realized from sale of by-products	
187 bbls. blue vitriol (U. S. Notes)	\$7,586.78
4547 Carboys Sulph. Liquor	<u>3,854.13</u>
	\$11,360.91

The statement under date of Oct. 23, 1877, shows the only sale of by-products in the fiscal year 1872-73, to have been \$5,302.05.

You will oblige me by an early explanation.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Y. C. Acton, Esq.May 20th 1878.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have to advise you that on the 18th inst. we purchased of Messrs. James B. Colgate & Co. thirty thousand (30,000) ounces fine silver at one hundred and seventeen and eight tenths cents (117 $\frac{8}{10}$ ¢) per ounce fine.

You will please receive and make payment for the same in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Y. C. Acton, Esq.May 20th 1878.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$5,200. from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1878	\$2800. ⁰⁰
Wages of Workmen	"	1700. ⁰⁰
Contingent Expenses	"	700. ⁰⁰

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

S. C. Acton, Esq.

May 20th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of five Thousand Dollars, in gold coin, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining Bullion."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon. J. M. Glover.

May 20th 1878.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of current date in which you state the desire of the Committee to bring to an early close the various matters before it, but that every person whose conduct is under inquiry, will be afforded the fullest facilities for satisfactory explanation of doubtful points. You request me to state what I expect to prove by Messrs. Acton, Davis and Edelman.

Mr. Edelman's testimony charges Supt. Acton with obstructing his examination made by order of your Committee, and that he was aided and abetted by me. His testimony also implies, if it does not directly charge, favoritism in imposing and exempting charges on bullion, and the non-accounting for the deposit melting room sweeps for the last two fiscal years.

I expect to disprove the same by Mr. Acton. I expect to prove by Mr. Davis, that many of the errors alleged by Mr. Edelman to exist in my report for 1877, do not exist in fact, that Mr. Edelman has himself fallen into

errors. It is of vital importance for my defence, as well as for the cause of public justice, that I should cross-examine Mr. George W. Edelman. His testimony contains false accusations and errors, and I trust that the privilege of cross-examining him will not be denied me.

In order that time may be economised by my accommodating myself to the convenience of the Committee as far as may be consistent with the necessary opportunity for explanation and defence, I will call on you this evening and learn the order in which you may decide to have the inquiry proceed.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Max Keller, Esq.

May 20th 1898.

25 Houston St.

Ft Worth, Texas.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst. addressed to the Treasury of the United States requesting to be informed of the value of the Mexican dollar has been referred to this office.

The Mexican silver dollar possesses no legal tender value in the United States.

It has therefore simply a bullion value, and as such is worth, at latest quotation for silver bullion - about 92 1/2 ¢ gold per piece.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Wm Windom, U. S. S.

May 20th 1898.

Chairman Comm. on Appropriations
United States Senate.

Sir:

I have the honor to explain the various items of increased appropriation referred to as being necessary when I was before your Committee a day or two since.

Assay Office at New York.

An appropriation of \$6,500. is necessary to defray the expense of some alterations and additions to the Assay Department of that institution. See copy of letter from the Superintendent of that Office to the Director dated Novem. 21st 1897.

United States Mint at Carson.

The Steam-Boilers at this Mint have from long use, become so defective as not to be used any longer with safety.

The Superintendent of that Mint states that the cost of replacing the boilers and enlarging and rebuilding the boiler-house will be nearly \$9000. I recommend that an appropriation of \$8,500 be made for that purpose.

United States Mint at Denver, operated as an Assay Office.

Wages of Workmen. My estimate under this head was \$10,041. The bill appropriates \$7,500.

When this item was under consideration by the Appropriation Committee of the House of Representatives, I thought that the last named amount would be sufficient, but further examination, and the explanation of the Superintendent of this Mint induces me to think that the appropriation should be increased from \$7,500. to \$9,000.

For Contingent Expenses at same Mint, I estimated \$4000. as being necessary; but since it has transpired that a new Bullion

Weighing Balance is necessary, and that an apparatus for making hurried assays of silver, is also necessary; and I recommend that the appropriation be increased to \$5,000. See copy of letter from the Superintendent of the Denver Mint, dated 11th inst. herewith transmitted.

Assay Office at Helena Montana.

The salary of the Melter is at present \$3000. The pending bill reduces it to \$1,800. I recommend that the salary of this officer be allowed to remain at \$2,000.

The services of a competent clerk at that office is necessary, whose salary should not be less than \$1,500.

The appropriation for wages of workmen at Helena should be increased to \$7,000.

The present force employed there is not sufficient to transact the business which offers; and the increase suggested will be necessary to enable that office to meet the requirements of depositors. I recommend that the appropriation for wages of workmen and supplies of material at Boise, be increased from \$2,000. to \$2,500. And at Charlotte, N. C. from \$250. to \$300.

I have the honor to be

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

May 20th 1878.

San Francisco.

Please send immediately by mail report giving reasons for dispensing with services of Thomas Scott, which is called for by Secretary at instance of one of California Senators.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockMay 20th 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 16th inst. transmitting a specimen dollar struck from dies made from a new hub.

I do not deem it advisable to make any change at present from the dies now in use.

I enclose herewith a dollar in currency for the piece remitted.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Jas. Golgate & Co.May 20th 1878.

47 Wall St.

New York.

Gentlemen;

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. in relation to the thirty thousand ounces fine silver purchased of you on that day.

The Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, has been instructed to receive and pay for the same in standard silver dollars at the rate of one hundred and seventeen and eight tenths cents ($117\frac{8}{10}\%$) per ounce fine.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. L. von Hoffmann & Co.

May 20th 1898.

450 Wall St. New York City.

Gentlemen,

Acknowledging your letter of the 18th inst. I have to state that if we should at any time desire to purchase silver in London or Germany, your proposition will be duly considered.

At present we are not inclined to encourage the importation of silver.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

U. S. Acton, Esq.

May 21st 1898.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

We have purchased of Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. 150,000 ounces fine silver for delivery at your office which you will please receive and pay for at the rate of 114⁷⁵/₁₀₀ cents per ounce fine in standard silver dollars.

You are authorized to pay the approximate value to such an extent as you deem safe and proper.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Telegram.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office

May 21st 1898.

New York.

It may not be necessary for you to come, but should it be the first of next week will do.

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Complied 25th

T. C. Acton, Esq.May 21st 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

We have purchased of Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co.
30,000 ounces fine silver for delivery at your Office
which you will please receive and pay for at the
rate of 117 $\frac{7}{10}$ cents per ounce fine in standard
silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.May 21st 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Messrs.
Handy & Brown 100,000 ounces fine silver for
delivery at your Office which you will please
receive and pay for at the rate of 117 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents
per ounce fine in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

For Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.May 21st 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the
Accounting Officers of the Department for settlement
the Bullion &c of your predecessor, O. H. LaGrange,
for the 4th quarter of the calendar year, 1877.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

May 21st 1898.San Francisco.

We will require you to coin eight hundred thousand standard silver dollars in June. How much additional silver will you require for that purpose. Answer.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

May 21st 1898.San Francisco

Pay for silver purchases in silver dollars only. Certificates available everywhere in the United States for Government debt.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

May 21st 1898.Philadelphia.

What do you estimate will be your coinage of standard silver dollars this month. Answer.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.May 21st 1898.New York.

We will purchase one hundred and fifty thousand ounces fine silver at the rate of one hundred seventeen and three quarter cents per ounce fine payable in standard silver dollars.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram.

Jas. B. Colgate, & Co.

47 Wall St.

New York.

May 21st 1898.

We will give one seventeen and three quarters, payable in standard silver dollars.

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Supt. MintCarson, Nev.May 21st 1898.

We will require you to coin four hundred thousand standard silver dollars in June. How much additional silver will you require for that purpose. Answer.

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Confirmed.

Hon. D. W. Mahon.1st Auditor.May 21st 1898.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion Chs., Abstracts and Vouchers, of O. H. La Grange, late Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, for the 4th quarter of the calendar year, 1897.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Telegram.

Louis McLane,

President Nevada Bank

San Francisco.

May 21st 1898.

Yours offer declined.

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram, Handy & Cronise

May 21st 1878.

24 Nassau St.

New York.

We will take the silver at one hundred seventeen and a half cents per ounce fine payable in silver dollars, offer good for today. Latest London quotation shows decline of $\frac{1}{8}$ pences.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director Mining.

Calvin J. Cowles

May 21st 1878.

Assayer res.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

In answer to yours of the 18th inst. I send you by today's mail, a supply of blank requisitions for funds, and Assayers Reports on ores.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.

May 22nd 1878.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Owing to the fact that for want of time by the Committee there is a possibility that I may not be able to call on as a witness, I send herewith the statement prepared by you to be submitted to the Committee, and have to request that you will go before an Alderman or Notary Public and make oath that the statement is correct to the best of your knowledge and belief, and return the same to this office without delay.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockMay 22^d. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday forwarding
Bronze Medal, President Hayes.

I consider the Head of the President a very
excellent likeness, and altogether the medal is
a superior specimen of the engraver's art.

You are authorized to add this medal to
the list of medals and sell copies (in bronze),
at \$2. under the Regulations.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockMay 22^d. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received through Adams Express one Box
containing your Bullion \$cs for the 1st quarter, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.May 22^d. 1878.

Supt. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have to inform you that as soon as the
plate can be engraved the checks on the Assistant
Treasurer requested by you will be printed and
transmitted without delay.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq.May 22nd 1878.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir;

You are authorized to pay Messrs. Handys
Bros approximate value of 10000 ounces
fine silver purchased of them on the 21st inst.
to such extent as you may deem safe and
proper.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director. Jas. Crawford, Esq.May 22nd 1878.

Supt. do.

Carson. Nev.

Sir;

As per request contained in your letter of the
14th. I send you by today's mail, a further
supply of blank statements for silver purchased
at your mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Supt. MintMay 22nd 1878.Carson.

You will try the market and
get the lowest offer that you can for the sale of
five hundred thousand ounces silver payable
in silver dollars, and submit the same to this
office for approval.

H. R. Linderman
Director.*Confirmed.*

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

May 22^d. 1878.

You are not authorized to pay gold coin
for silver purchases.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint
Carson, Nev.

May 22^d. 1878.

You are authorized to have new
arch for Coining Press constructed on terms
stated in your letter of fifteenth instant.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Confirmed.

Chief Auditor,
Treasury Dept.

May 22^d. 1878.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and
settlement the Bullion A/cs of the Assayer in
charge of the Helena Assay Office, for the quarter
ended March 31st. 1878; also a letter from that
office of the 7th inst. enclosing certain papers
properly corrected, belonging to this account.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.
Assayer in Charge,
Helena, Assay Office.

May 22^d. 1878.

Sir:

Your Communication of the 7th inst. enclosing papers be-
longing to your Bullion A/cs for the quarter ended March 31st
1878, has been received at this office.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Lehas. Rumley, Esq.
Assayer &c, Assay Office
Helena,

May 22^d 1898.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$340.⁸⁰ from the following appropriation, viz:

Salaries - - 1898 - - - \$340. 80

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Peter V. Mohun, Esq.
Sacramento, Cal.

May 22^d 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 14th inst. relative to the appointment of a Commissioner to collect Mining Statistics.

As Congress failed to make an appropriation for the above purpose, no appointment can be made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York City.

May 22, 1898.

We will take one hundred thousand ounces at rate of one hundred seventeen and one quarter cents per ounce fine payable in standard silver dollars, offer good for today only.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint

May 22^d. 1878.San Francisco.

You will try the market and get the lowest offer that you can for the sale of six hundred thousand ounces silver payable in silver dollars and submit the same to this Office for approval.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram.

Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co.

May 22^d. 1878.

New York City.

We will take the silver at one hundred seventeen and one quarter cents per ounce fine payable in silver dollars.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Hon. Justice S. Morrill

May 23^d. 1878.

U. S. Senate.

Dear Sir;

According to the request contained in your letter of the 21st inst. I have examined Bill H. R. 4704 now before the Senate, entitled an Act "to retire certain silver coins now in use, and to provide for the exchange of subsidiary silver coins for legal tender money under certain circumstances."

The elimination from our money circulation of the 3rd & 5 cent silver coins is in my opinion desirable and the first section of the Bill contains all necessary provisions to that end.

The second section increases the legal tender of the fractional silver coins now \$5. to \$20.

My opinion is that the legal tender of these coins should not exceed \$10. in any one

payment.

The second section also provides for the exchange of these coins at the Treasury for legal tender money, in any sums not less than \$20.

Instead of this latter provision, I think it would be better to make such coin receivable without limit for all dues to the Government, except duties on imports. A provision of this character with the limitation of issue which the law now provides in respect to fractional coin, would no doubt, keep their purchasing power in the small payments for which they are intended equal to the full legal tender money.

If made exchangeable without limit for legal tender money, there are reasons to believe that it would tend to bring back to this Country some portion of the amount which was exported to Central and South America from 1860 to the date of the commencement of the recent issue of such coin in redemption of the fractional paper currency.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

May 23^d 1878.

Suplt. Mint

San Francisco

In future you will make requisitions in usual way for such number of silver dollar dies as may be required.

H. R. Linderman
Director

Confirmed.

Similar telegram sent to

Suplt. Mint

Carson, Nevada.

(Confirmed.)

Hon. Wm. Windom

May 23^d 1878.

U. S. Senator.

Dear Sir

The effect of the provisions of lines 962 to 984 p.p. 40 & 41 Bill H. R. 4104, now pending in the Senate, if enacted into a law, will be to require the Mint at Denver to pay the value of Bullion which may be deposited thereat in coin or coin notes, less the lawful Mint charges.

The Bullion will become the property of the United States, and will have to be transferred at Government expense to one of the Coinage Mints for coinage on account of the United States.

The Treasury would hold the resulting coin as an offset for the coin paid for the Bullion, or for the redemption of the coin notes given in payment for the Bullion. In so far as the receiving, assaying and accounting for the Bullion and its transfer to another Institution for coinage on account of the United States is concerned, there would be no difficulty, but it would be necessary to increase the Bond of the Superintendent of the Denver Mint, to \$100,000. - it is now but \$10,000.

If this provision is retained it will largely increase the responsibility of the Superintendent at Denver and his salary should be, in my opinion, increased to \$3000 per annum.

As to the expediency of issuing coin notes through an Assay Office or Mint, the Secretary of the Treasury would be a better judge than myself and I therefore say nothing upon that point.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director

Hon. Jas. PollockMay 23^d 1878.

Sept. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

You are authorized to cause to be coined as early as practicable, one cent bronze coins to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.)

This coinage should be executed before the annual settlement if possible.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. J. M. Glover.May 23^d 1878.Chairman Com. Expenditures
in Treas. Dept.

Dear Sir:

I will be absent from the City tomorrow and next day, but will have all papers called for and my own statements, exhibits &c. ready by Monday or Tuesday next, when I hope it will suit the convenience of the Committee to proceed with the inquiry in my case.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegrams. Sept. Mint

May 23^d 1878.San Francisco.

Secretary being absent your despatch of yesterday cannot be acted on today. The price asked being nearly two cents above equivalent of London rate will probably preclude acceptance.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

Telegram.

R. J. StevensMay 23rd 1878.

House Reps.

I have no papers about the case but recollect that the position was made for Edelman by the Secretary of the Treasury on the ground that he performed similar duties to those of the Treasurer of the Mint at San Francisco. It was done under the law establishing the Assay Office.

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

Telegram.

Hon. A. A. SargentMay 23rd 1878.

U. S. Senate.

Please send me twenty-five copies Trade Dollar correspondence.

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

Hon. Kenneth Raynor,May 24th 1878.

Solicitor Treas'y Dept.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the reference by you to this office of a telegram from J. M. Cogblam, U. S. Attorney at San Francisco in the following words, viz: "John Taylor & Co. tender all the supplies due from them to mint according to testimony of Page & Binney. As this is our first demand I think we must accept the goods instead of money." You ask for an expression of the opinion of the Director in reference thereto.

In reply I have to state that as the supplies not delivered for which John Taylor & Co. were paid, are such as are used in the Mint operations every day, I see no objection to the acceptance of their offer.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Telegram.

H. R. Lindermann.May 24th 1878.

Care U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Pollock telegraphs here that although his vaults are full and a large amount of silver bullion piled in melting-rooms that he can receive and place in the vaults under front steps about two millions ounces if necessary.

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.May 24th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I am informed by the Treasurer of the U. S. that the Assistant Treasurer in your City was directed on the 23rd inst. to place \$500,000. in standard silver dollars to your official credit.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.May 25th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th inst. transmitting detailed Statement of Receipts from the deposit Melting-Room for the years 1876-7, has been received.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia

May 25th 1878.

Sir:

As per request of yours of yesterday, I send you by today's mail, a supply of Circulars prescribing the manner in which subsidiary silver coin may be procured in exchange for currency.

Very respectfully
 R. C. Ineson
 Actg. Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

May 27th 1878.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th inst, relative to using mutilated one cent bronze coins for the manufacture of new one cent bronze coins, I have to state that in the absence of any specific appropriation to pay the loss in melting on the mutilated coins, I do not think it advisable at present to use them in manufacturing new one cent pieces.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. Mint. Phil^a.

May 27th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 25th inst, making requisition for 2000 Envelopes #6. and also for plain note-paper, and have this day referred the same to the Secretary of the Treasury with the request that the articles be

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Henry Graef, Esq.

May 27th 1878.

Third National Bank

Landsbury, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23^d inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury inquiring if there is any way in which you can sell small silver coins and some battered and foreign coins to the Government, has been referred to this Office.

I suppose you refer to U. S. fractional silver coins, which are not by law redeemable or exchangeable at the U. S. Treasury for gold or currency.

You can however sell them to the Government at their bullion value which at current rate is about \$1.05 per ounce of standard silver contained and at which rate battered or defaced U. S. fractional silver coins would realize to the seller about 84 $\frac{3}{8}$ ¢ to the dollar, nominal value.

Silver bullion purchased at the Mint at Philadelphia is paid for in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 27th 1878.

Sir:

In order to continue coinage of the standard silver dollar at the San Francisco and Carson Mints, and to insure the manufacture of the minimum amount of that coinage in each month, it will be necessary that a purchase of silver for immediate delivery at those Mints, be made.

You are so well informed as to the attitude which holders of bullion on the Pacific Coast have assumed and held since the law authorizing the coinage of the silver dollar was passed, that I need say nothing upon that point, except that the price at which they have offered to sell any considerable amount of silver, has been the equivalent of the London rate with the cost of transportation from London to San Francisco added; and on which rate you have uniformly declined to purchase.

Within the past ten days about \$2,000,000. in silver bars and Trade and Mexican dollars have been shipped from San Francisco to China, and it is probable that further shipments will soon be made.

It should also be stated that the product of the two principal mines on the Coast, is diminishing and that all appearances indicate that unless some new discoveries are made on the Comstock Lode, the silver yield from the mines on the same, for the next year cannot be estimated higher than \$1,000,000. per month.

The best offer which we have been able to obtain, is that of the Bank of California and the Anglo Californian Bank of the

22^d inst. which banks offer to sell Dore's bullion sufficient to give 600,000 ounces fine silver at 119 cents per oz. fine, payable in standard silver dollars, the sellers to pay packing charge.

Under the circumstances as above stated, I think it would be good policy to accept the offer of the two banks above referred to, and at the same time, make an offer to the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, the only holder of any considerable amount of fine silver in the country, for any part of 750,000 ounces deliverable at the San Francisco Mint, at the same price, and 750,000 ounces fine silver deliverable at the Carson Mint, the first payable in standard silver dollars in San Francisco and the other payable in standard silver dollars in New York.

If these amounts can be secured it will enable us to continue coinage up to the time of closing for the annual settlement, say about the 15th prox., and have the necessary stock on hand to resume the coinage of silver dollars after the settlement shall have been completed.

The annual settlement of the accounts of the operative officers of the Mints, will, it is expected, occupy about three weeks from the 15th prox., and in view of the necessary intermitting of the coining operations during the settlement, a supply of silver for immediate use becomes indispensable. The gold price of silver in New York City is about 117½ cents per ounce fine.

I have the honor to be yet

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 San Francisco

May 27th 1878.

Sir:

Messrs. John Tayler & Co. having tendered the supplies for which they were paid, and which according to the testimony of Page and Pinney before the U. S. Treasury Commission had never been delivered, it has been decided to accept these supplies in settlement of the suit now pending against John Tayler & Co. (Copy of letter of Solicitor of the Treasury enclosed.)

You will accordingly receive the same, and when the delivery is made, report the fact to this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
 Director.

Mr. V. David, Esq.
 U. S. Mint
 Philadel^a

May 27th 1878.

Sir:

I herewith return your statement in regard to the charges of errors made by Mr. Geo. W. Edelman, and have to request that you will, without delay, copy the same so that no interliniations will appear, after which you will make oath to, and forward it to this Office.

It is desirable that this statement should be returned to this Office in time to reach me on Wednesday morning at farthest.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
 Director.

Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons,
Manufacturing Chemists
Philadelphia.

May 27th 1878.

Gentlemen;

I have to request that you will prepare for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nev. 500 lbs. Chemically Pure Nitric Acid in Carboys, and deliver the same to Major J. J. Dana, Quartermaster, U. S. A. in your City, who has been requested to receive and ship the same.

You will transmit your accounts in duplicate with the receipt of the Quartermaster to this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

G. M. Jones, Esq.
Dutch Mills.

May 27th 1878.

Ark.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 15th inst. transmitting a specimen of rock to be assayed.

The sample in question is principally carbonate of lime and sulphate of lime containing a little sulphate of iron, and is of no value.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

May 27th 1878.

We will give one hundred percentum and two tenths cents per ounce fine in standard silver dollars for one hundred and fifty thousand ounces fine silver. Our London quotation today fifty-three and a quarter.

H. R. Linderman Director

Maj. J. J. Dana

May 27th 1878.

Quartermaster, U. S. A.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons of your City have been requested to deliver to you for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, 500 lbs. Chemically Pure Nitric Acid.

I will thank you to receive and forward the same, and cause the accounts for the expenses in transporting the same to be submitted to this office in the usual manner.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

May 28th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday in which, after explaining that it will take sometime to make out an itemized bill of reclamation against the Adams Express Company - you desire to be informed whether you shall continue to pay the monthly bills of the Express Company for the transportation of silver, or withhold payment until a final settlement for the proposed reclamation, is made.

You are instructed to make no further payments to the Express Company for the transportation of coin until the reclamation shall have been made and settled.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock

May 28th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philad^a.

Sir,

Please cause a bronze medal of President Hayes to be placed in a case which will show both the obverse and reverse without removing the medal, and send it to this Office.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

May 28th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Phil^a.

Sir:

I return herewith for the signature of the Assayer, Report upon Gold Bullion deposited at your Mint, "154" belonging to your Bullion $\frac{1}{2}$ s for the First Quarter of the calendar year, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. L. Dodge Esq.

May 28th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of $\frac{1}{2}$ s "947", for "4,187.⁶³", being the charges collected for parting and refining operations from the 1st to the 18th inst. enclosed in your letter of the 20th inst.

The certificate will be forwarded to its proper destination.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.May 28th 1878.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I return herewith the statement of the business of your Office for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1877, forwarded on yesterday, with the request that you will inform me whether a mistake had not been made in the item of sweeps from the Deposit Melting Room, sold during the year, viz: \$1431.79.

In the statement forwarded from your Office Sept. 21st 1877, the net proceeds of these sweeps are given as follows:

1 st quarter, 1876 -	\$ 1441.67
2 nd " " 1877	1431.79.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.May 28th 1878.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

We have purchased of Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. 150,000 ounces fine silver for delivery at your Office. You will please receive and make payment for the same at the rate of 117³/₄ cents per ounce fine in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Mr. Samuel Baugh

May 25th 1898.

Pres't West Phila Passenger R.R. Co.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

An unusual pressure upon my time, has delayed, until now, an answer to your favor of the 21st inst.

There is no authority of law for receiving silver coin at the Mint in exchange for other moneys.

A Bill for the redemption of fractional silver coins in legal tender money has passed the House of Representatives, and is now pending in the Senate.

Should that Bill become a law, a remedy for the inconvenience which you complain of will be provided.

Respectfully,

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Messrs. Lazard Freres

May 28th 1898.

65 Pine St. New York City.

Gentlemen,

Acknowledging your letter of 25th inst. you are informed that the Department does not desire to purchase at present any silver except that of domestic production.

Should our requirements be such at any future time as to render the importation of silver necessary, your proposition will be considered.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. John ShermanMay 28th 1898.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will furnish me with a certified copy of so much of the contract between the Adams Express Co. and the United States as relates to the transportation of bullion and coin.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

A. Walters, Esq.May 28th 1898.

Assayer in Charge

Assay Office, Boise.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Office during the current month has been approved for the sum of \$300. from the following appropriations:

Wages & Incidentals - 1898 - \$300.-

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.May 28th 1898.

Assay Office,

Helena.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Ac. for the month of April, 1898.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

May 28th 1878.

State by wire approximate
 amount of silver bullion on hand and available
 for coinage of standard silver dollars.

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Confirmed.

Similar telegram sent to
 Supt. Mint
Carron, Nev. (Confirmed.)

Telegram.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

May 28th 1878.

We cannot pay above the
 equivalent of the London rate computed at
 current rate of sterling exchange on day
 of sale.

H. R. Linderman
 Director Mint.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

May 28th 1878.

Your offer accepted.

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Confirmed.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. Mint.
 Carron.

May 29th 1878.

Sir:

By this day's mail I send you a portion
 of the requisition recently submitted by you
 for stationery for the six months commencing
 July 1st prox.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Wm Windom,May 29th 1878.

U. S. S.

Dear Sir,

If it be intended that the provisions contained in lines 1106 to 1133 pages 46 and 47-Bill H. R. 4104, shall apply to all Mints and Assay Offices, the words "Mint and Assay Office" should be substituted for the words "Mint and Assay Office," in lines 1128 and 1132. Otherwise the proper construction of the Section will be difficult.

I suppose the Committee understands that as the Section now stands, all bullion which may be received at the Assay Offices at Denver, Helena, Boise and Charlotte N.C. would have to be transported to the New York Assay Office or Philadelphia Mint for parting and coinage, and this at the expense of the Government for its transportation.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
Director.Messrs. Handy & CroniseMay 29th 1878.

24 Nassau St.

New York.

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of the 28th inst. you are informed that the Supt. of the Assay Office has been authorized to pay the approximate value of the last purchase of silver from you.

It is not probable that we will stop purchasing fine silver during the Annual Settlement at the Assay Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. J. M. Glover

May 30th 1898.Chairman Com. Expenditures
Treasury Department.

Dear Sir:

The San Francisco Chronicle of 20th inst. contains charges against me with explanations stated to have been made before your Committee by Geo. Parkinson. It being my desire to answer fully and truthfully all charges against me of whatever character I will be obliged if you will furnish me with a copy of Mr. Parkinson's charges and explanations. If not convenient for you to have copies made I will send a clerk to your rooms to copy the same, or if you will send the original papers I will have them copied and the originals safely kept and returned to you.

I take it for granted that Mr. Parkinson has sworn to the charges.

I have prepared answers to the charges of John S. Love and of Geo. W. Edelman, and think that I can prepare my answer to Parkinson's charges in one day, so that there will be no delay.

Yours very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. W. V. Davis.

May 29th 1898.

U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Get letter from Post Office tomorrow morning.

H. R. Linderman

Director

Telegram.

M. V. David,May 29th 1878.

Care Mint, Philadelphia.

Be here without fail by tomorrow morning.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,May 29th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. in relation to using mutilated one cent bronze coins in the manufacture of new coins of that denomination, I have to state that after reading your explanation and the fact that the precedent for using such coins for that purpose has been established it has been decided to authorize you to use either mutilated one cent bronze or the two cent pieces for the manufacture of one cent bronze coins, the gain or loss as the case may be to be carried into the minor coinage Profit and Loss account.

You are authorized to make the proper transfers, and to cause the sum of \$10,000. in one cent bronze pieces heretofore authorized to be coined without delay.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Henry L. Dodge,

May 29th 1898.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco

You are authorized to purchase silver bullion for immediate delivery, not exceeding one million ounces at the lowest market rate and not exceeding one hundred and eighteen cents per ounce fine payable in standard silver dollars at your mint.

In case any portion of the bullion purchased should be in the form of Dore's bullion, the seller to pay the parting charge.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint

May 29th 1898.

Barson, New.

You are authorized to purchase silver bullion for immediate delivery, not exceeding five hundred thousand ounces at lowest market rate and not exceeding one hundred and eighteen cent per ounce fine, payable in standard silver dollars by draft on Assistant Treasurer at New York.

In case Dore's bullion should be delivered the sellers will pay parting charge.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Gen. Crawford, Esq.

May 31st 1898.

Supt. &c. Barson, New.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 23rd inst., I send you by today's mail, a supply of blank forms for your monthly requisitions for funds.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

May 31st. 1878.

Sir,

It will be necessary for your Mint to make as many Standard Silver dollars as it can up to the 15th prox. at which time you may close for the Annual Settlement and complete the same by the first of July, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

If you think it would be more economical not to close until the 20th. and reopen, say, July 5th, you are authorized to close for settlement on the 20th of June.

You are hereby authorized and instructed, to cause extra time to the full extent that can be usefully employed, in getting out the largest amount of silver dollars practicable from the first prox. to the time of closing for the settlement.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philad^a.

May 31st. 1878.

Sir,

I have to request that you will ascertain the market price of pure nickel, and inform Honorable Cornelius Cole, San Francisco, Cal. of the same by letter.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

May 31st 1878.

Sir:

I am advised that the Consul for the Government of Honduras has engaged the services of Ser. F. Dunning, Esq. to fit up and conduct the Mint which that Government contemplated putting in operation.

Should Mr. Baiz, the Consul, call upon you in respect to the preparation of his coinage dies, you are authorized and directed to aid him in any manner that may be lawful and not interfere with the necessary operations of the Engraver's Dept.

He will be expected to pay for any materials which you may furnish him.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 31st 1878.

Sir:

I transmit herewith copy of a letter from Henry L. Dodge, Esq. Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco dated 21st inst. stating the reasons for dispensing with the services of Thomas Scott.

I also transmit copy of a letter from F. Bicott, Coiner of said Mint dated 20th inst. addressed to the Supt. on the same subject.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Cornelius Cole
San Francisco.

May 31st 1898.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst. I have to state that the supply of nickel heretofore used by the Government in its coinage operations has been derived, chiefly, from the mines of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

There is no contract for supplies of nickel.

There has been but a very small amount of nickel coins struck during the last two years. The previous issue having been very large - and so far as I can judge, the coinage of nickel pieces is not likely to amount to anything considerable for a year or two to come.

I do not know at what price pure nickel is now selling, but will request the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint to ascertain and report to you by letter the market price for this metal in Philad^a.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. D. J. Noyes
Dartmouth College
Hanover, N. H.

May 31st 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 28th inst. requesting information relative to the "legal tender" of the silver five and three cent pieces. Section 3513 of the Revised Statutes, which was a re-enactment of a portion of the Coinage Act of 1843, specified the U. S. coins that were to be struck and issued, but in no wise demonetized coins that had been previously issued.

The Act of March 3, 1851 authorizing

the coinage of a three cent silver piece, limited its legal tender to sums of 30¢ and under.

The Act of Feb. 21st 1853 fixed the legal tender of the half and quarter dollar, dime and half dime at five dollars, and the Act of March 3, 1853 provided for issuing the three cent piece in conformity with the provisions of the Act of Feb. 21st 1853.

Section 3586 of the Revised Statutes, a re-enactment of former laws then in effect, relative to legal tender, declares that the silver coins of the U. S. shall be a legal tender for any amount not exceeding five dollars in any one payment.

The Silver 5¢ and 3¢ pieces are therefore legal tenders to that amount.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Morgan, Esq.

May 31st 1878.

321. N. 6th St. Phila.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 29th inst requesting information relative to the duplication of old U. S. Copper cents, for antiquarian purposes.

If you refer to selecting cents from among those already struck, I am not aware that there is any violation of law in so doing, but if you refer to striking cents of past dates, Sec. 51 of the Coinage Act of 1873, provides that the obverse working dies shall be destroyed at the close of each calendar year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

N. P. Langford, Esq.

May 31st 1878.

Care A. S. Langford, Esq.
Denver, Col.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to make, after the close of the current fiscal year, an examination of the Assay Office at Helena, Mont., and the Assay Office at Boise, Idaho, with a view to ascertain the condition of said offices, and whether they have been and are conducted according to law and regulations.

Also whether the interests of depositors and those of the Government are carefully observed.

You will report the result of your examination to this Office.

I send you herewith copy of General Instructions and Regulations in relation to the transaction of business at the Mints and Assay Offices of the U. S.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director

D. C. Acton, Esq.

May 31st 1878.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 29th inst. transmitting a corrected statement, showing the amount of deposit melting receipts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1877.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director

Y. L. Acton, Esq.

May 31st 1878.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense VOs for the month of April, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

May 31st 1878.

You can pay Seligman & Co. approximate value on last purchase to such extent as you deem safe and proper.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

May 31st 1878.

Does amount of coal consumed last month include that used in the melting Dept. and what will be your total consumption this month.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

May 31st 1878.

Are trade dollars being shipped to China and in what amounts.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Confirmed.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.May 31st 1848.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 22^d. inst. transmitting statements of Coiner's gold and silver workings for the month of March, 1848.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Gen. PollockJune 1st 1848.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The designation of Wm L. Steel, Assistant to the Coiner, to act as Coiner of your Mint during the temporary absence of that Officer, submitted in your communication of the 31st ult., is hereby approved.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Gen. PollockJune 1st 1848.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this Office a statement showing the approximate profits on the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars to the 31st ult.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Similar letter addressed to

H. L. Dodge, Esq.Gen. Crawford

Supt. U. S. Mint

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco

Carson, Nev.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

June 1st 1878.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of one box containing your Bullion $\text{\$}$ s for the 1st Quarter of the present calendar year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons

Philadelphia.

June 1st 1878.

Gentlemen:

Your $\text{\$}$ c for four Carboys Chemically Pure Nitric Acid delivered Major J. J. Dana, U.S.A. for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at Carson Nevada, has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount '90.66 will be sent you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Gustave Schleicher

House of Representatives

June 1st 1878.

Sir:

In reply to your verbal inquiry of current date, relative to the bullion value of Mexican Silver dollars, I have to inform you that These coins are not legal tenders in the United States, and that their value as bullion is about $91\frac{3}{4}$ $\text{\$}$ per piece, in gold coin, at the current rate for silver bullion.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Q. H. LaGrange, Esq.

June 1st 1878.

Subt. Supt. San Francisco Mint
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 17th of April, 1878, explaining certain discrepancies in your Ordinary ^{and} Subsidiary Silver Coinage Expense ^{as} Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco for the month of December 1877, and enclosing \$2⁹⁴8 for \$31.²² repayment to the credit of the appropriations for Contingent Expenses ^(17.⁹⁶) and the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver coin ^(13.²⁴) and to inform you that the Certificate of Deposit has been forwarded to its proper destination and the communication and accompanying papers referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for their information.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

June 1st 1878.

Subt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate Invoice of Four Carboys Chemically Pure Nitric Acid, delivered by Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons to Maj. J. J. Dana, Quartermaster, U. S. A., for shipment to your Mint.

The ^{of} Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officer for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

C. T. Christenson

June 1st 1898.

Branch Nevada Bank
New York City.

By direction of the Secretary authority was sent to San Francisco and Carson Mints to purchase Silver at one hundred and eighteen cents per ounce payable in Silver dollars. The Secretary decides that this is the best and only offer he will authorize in the present condition of the Silver market.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

C. T. Christenson

June 1st 1898.

Agency, Nevada Bank
New York City.

For Silver deliverable at San Francisco Mint Silver dollars paid there.

For silver delivered at Carson Mint, payment by draft on New York payable in Silver dollars.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

B. S. Stevens, Esq.

June 3rd 1898.

4 Trafalgar Square
London, England

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of the 22nd May 1898, I will thank you to renew the subscription of this Office for the *Bullionist and Economist* for one year commencing July 1st prop.

You will please forward the bills for the same as soon after that date as may be convenient.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 3^d 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The First Comptroller of the Treasury under date of March 18th 1898, having rendered an opinion that under Sect. 3527 Revised Statutes of the U. S., the charges for transportation of Standard Silver dollars from the Mints to Assistant Treasurers, Depositories, and other officers of the U. S., may be paid from the Silver profit fund, you are authorized to deliver to the Adams Express Company, upon the transfer order of the Treasurer of the United States, Standard Silver dollars, and pay the transportation charges on the same from the Silver profit fund of your Mint.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 3^d 1898.

Supt. Mint

Phila.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$26,239.⁷⁴ from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	- - -	1898	\$ 2,350.
Wages of Workmen	- - -	"	10,000.
Contingent Expenses	- - -	"	13,889. ⁷⁴

This advance exhausts your regular appropriations for the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

June 3rd 1878
 Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philad^a.

June 3rd 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st inst. transmitting Coiners Weekly Report of coinage executed for the week ending June 1st 1878.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
 Director.

June 3rd 1878
 Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Philad^a.

June 3rd 1878.

Sir:

Please send your report in reference to the proposition of Mrs. M. Taylor to furnish Mints at less price than has been paid to other parties.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
 Director.

June 3rd 1878
 Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philad^a.

June 3rd 1878.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his warrant in your favor for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in gold coin, payable from the appropriation for "Minting and Refining Bullion."

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

June 3^d 1878.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars, for the manufacture of Standard Silver Dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

June 3^d 1878.

Sir:

In response to your letter of the 1st inst. I send you by today's mail, a further supply of Minor Coinage Redemption Certificates.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director

Hon. Thomas L. Aiton
 Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
 New York.

June 3^d 1878.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and directed to close for the Annual Settlement at any time after the 9th inst. as you may deem expedient. You will take such action in respect to the receipt of deposits during the settlement as you may deem best, accommodating the public as far as may be consistent with a thorough settlement of accounts of the Melters & Refiners and of your deposit melting sweets, fluxes, &c.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director

W. C. Acton, Esq.

June 3^d 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office, N.Y.

Sir:

If the silver market should be favorable it is probable that we may make some purchases of silver bullion between this and the 1st prox. but the receipt, melting and assaying of such bullion must not be permitted to interfere with the Annual Settlement. With this qualification you may inform such persons as may seek information upon the subject that bids for sales of silver will continue to be received until further notice.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

June 3^d 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I duly received your dispatch of the first inst. giving the amount of hard coal consumed in the Mint during May. The amount consumed under your administration, compared with that of your predecessor, shows a great saving to the Government.

At the close of the current fiscal year, I will thank you to have prepared and transmitted to this Office a statement showing the consumption of hard coal, charcoal and wood respectively in each month of the current fiscal year. If any other kind of fuel has been used you will please also incorporate the quantity in your statement.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Sup't. Mint

San Francisco.

June 3^d. 1878.

Sir:

There is no objection to your pursuing the course indicated in your letter of the 24th. ult.:

The Melter^{and} Refiners' gold wastage should be paid out of the Refinery earnings, and as much of his silver Trade Dollar wastage as that fund will bear, balance out of Silver Profit Fund.

The wastage on manufacture of Subsidiary Silver coin both Coiners & Melter & Refiners will be paid from the Silver Profit Fund, and the Coiners' Gold wastage out of the Contingent Appropriation.

These various items will be approximated as fairly as circumstances will admit.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

As much of the Coiners' Silver wastage as properly belongs to the manufacture of Trade Dollars should be paid out of the Contingent Appropriation.

H. R. L.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

June 3^d. 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 24th. ult. proposing to close for the Annual Settlement on the 15th. inst. which is approved and you will follow the course indicated in your letter in reference to the receipts of deposits.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Subt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

June 3^d 1878.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of \$33,927.⁷⁰ from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1878	\$1,900. ⁻
Wages of Workmen	"	20,027. ⁷⁰
Contingent Expenses	"	12,000. ⁻

Respectfully

W. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Morgan, Esq.

321 N. 6th St.

Philadelphia.

June 3^d 1878.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 1st inst. requesting to be informed if there is any law prohibiting making electrotypes of old cents, I enclose a slip containing Sec. 62 of the Coinage Act of 1873 covering the question.

Respectfully

W. R. Linderman

Director.

E. L. Beard, Esq.

Cope P. O.

Morgan Co. Ind.

June 3^d 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 31st ult. transmitting a sample of ore for examination. It is simply mica, and of no value whatever.

Very respectfully

W. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. J. M. Glover

June 3, 1878.

Chairman, Com. Expenditures
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Herewith I send my final answer to Mr. Edelman's statement, and which I have endeavored to keep within the limits and restrictions indicated in your letter of the 1st inst.

The expenses incurred since April 1st 1873 for Special Services, having been referred to in Mr. Edelman's Statement in terms of censure, I desire to show the necessity for the close observation under which the Mints & Assay Offices have been kept, and the somewhat frequent examinations to which they have been subjected since the date mentioned, by placing before the Committee the facts in relation to irregularities which occurred at the New York Assay Office and the San Francisco Mint prior to 1870, but it cannot be done within the limits suggested in your letter.

I have the honor to be &c

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Crawford.

June 3, 1878.

Supt. Mint.

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and directed to close for the Annual Settlement on the 15th inst. You will take such course in respect to the receipt of deposits during the settlement as you may deem proper.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

June 3^d. 1898.

Subt. U. S. Mint

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$3,150. from the following appropriations:

Salaries	1898	\$1,050.
Wages of Workmen	"	1,000.
Contingent Expenses	"	1,100.

It was necessary to reserve a sufficient amount of your Contingent Appropriation to pay freight on Acid so shipped you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Telegram.

Subt. Mint

June 3^d. 1898.

Carson, Nev.

As we are unable to procure Silver for coinage into standard dollars it will be necessary for you to furlough without pay for balance of this month all employes whose services are not necessary to close up coinage and make Annual Settlement. How much will you require under the foregoing instructions.

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Confirmed.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.

June 3^d. 1878.

Assayer, Assay Office
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$123.60 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — — — 1878 — — — \$123.60

This advance exhausts your appropriations for the present fiscal year.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 4th. 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday containing statement of the amount of Anthracite Coal delivered to the Mint, during the month of May ult: I suppose the amount delivered ^{consumed during the month of May, if so the amount} corresponds substantially with the amount, used by the Melter & Refiner during the month of May is less than one-half reported to have been consumed by that officer during the month of April.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Mint worked overtime during the month of April, and regular time during the month of May, the consumption by the Melter & Refiner during the month of April, appears to have been very large.

This difference should be explained.

The Mint at San Francisco, coined during the month of May, one million five hundred thousand silver dollars, and between two and three millions dollars in gold coin, and the total consumption of Anthracite Coal was

only about seventy tons.

I cannot understand why your Mint should consume so much more coal than the San Francisco Mint, especially in the Spring and Summer months.

I fear there is some defect in the deliveries, or what is more probable that the coal is of an inferior quality. I think this matter should receive your very careful attention.

The first thing which should be carefully and positively determined, is the amount of Anthracite coal of the best qualities necessary to run the Mint to its maximum capacity, and this being once fairly determined, it will serve as a guide in future contracts and deliveries.

It is understood that the existing contract for the supply of coal, will terminate at the close of the current fiscal year, and at the Mint will be required to run to its maximum capacity after the Annual Settlement shall have been completed, an excellent opportunity will then be offered to test the question of the necessary consumption of coal, and to that end, I think it would be well, on the resumption of operations, to run the Mint on one or more varieties of the best-known Anthracite Steam coal, procured at the market-rate direct from the miners and sellers of the coal.

After such trial and determination of the question, sealed proposals for supplying the best variety of Steam coal should be invited, and will include all the departments of the Mint.

The price paid for the coal, appears to be quite low, and there is no objection on that score, but there is no economy in using inferior 'every

varieties of coal in the Mint.

It is probable that a part of the Silver dollars coined at the San Francisco Mint during May, consisted of blanks made in the previous month; but making due allowance for this, the consumption of coal at your Mint still appears too large.

Respectfully,

H. R. Lindermann
Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 24th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and directed to prepare without delay, a medal commemorative of the departure of the Continental Army from Valley Forge, June 19th 1778.

In order that the medal may be executed in time, it will be necessary for you to take one of the existing heads of Washington for the obverse, placing thereon the legend shown on the enclosed rough sketch. For the reverse you will follow the rough sketch as indicated.

This medal should be about the size of the silver dollar and struck in silver and in copper (bronze).

You will furnish both the bronze and silver medals to all parties desiring the same at actual cost of manufacture, up to the 19th inst. after which they will be placed on the regular list and sold according to rules and regulations.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Lindermann
Director

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 4th 1848.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3^d inst. enclosing bill of \$3.50 for medal-case, which amount I will remit you in a day or two.

The bringing of the Hayes Medal appears to be a very great improvement over the process heretofore in use, and I am of the opinion that it should be adopted for the finishing of all copper medals hereafter struck at the Mint, and you will be governed accordingly.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 4th 1848.

Sup't. Mint, U. S.

Philada.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a sealed package received from Hon. G. L. Fort, paid to contain watch-cases &c.

I will thank you to cause the same to be melted and assayed and the proceeds thereof transmitted to James H. Shaw, Esq. Lacon, Marshall Co. Ills.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 4th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand \$50,000. in Standard Silver dollars to be deposited in the Treasury in your name on account of "Profits on coinage of Standard Silver dollars", and that your Bullion Fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 4th 1878.

Sup't. Mint. Phila.

Sir,

I return herewith Warrant #2 of your Bullion A/c for the 1st quarter of the present year, for metal purchased for minor coinage with the request that you will have the same made out in favor of the firm from whom purchased, the warrant to be receipted by the Express Co. as authorized on the bill.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 4th 1878.

Sup't. Mint. Phila.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 3rd inst. transmitting a statement of domestic silver purchased during the month of May ult.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.

U. S. Mint,

Philadela^a.

June 4th. 1878.

Sir:

The Supt. of the Mint at Philad^a has been authorized and instructed to close for the annual settlement on the 15th inst.

I desire that you will give your particular attention to the details of the Annual Settlement of the accounts of the Operative Officers, and especially the Melters & Refiner's dept., observing and noting all essential details and reporting the same to me after the conclusion of the settlement.

You will also examine the books of record of purchases of materials, distribution and consumption of the same for each month in the fiscal year, itemizing the hard coal, wood, and other articles of supplies used in the Coiner's dept., and the same as to the Melters & Refiner's dept.

The consumption of coal latterly appears to me to be very large, and I think there is reason to apprehend that the supplies of this article have not been of the best known varieties of steam coal.

Your familiarity with the regulations and instructions for the Government of the Mint, and with my views as to the necessity for the utmost economy in the consumption of supplies, will enable you to determine what additional points of examination should be made in connection with the Annual Settlement.

I depend upon you to make a most thorough and impartial report upon all the points indicated, and such others as you may deem proper.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Bradford, Esq.

Supt. Mint

Carson, Nev.

June 4th. 1878.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in your name, the sum of thirty-nine thousand three hundred $\frac{7}{100}$ (*39,300.7), dollars in gold coins, being the amount of charges on hand at your Mint on the 31st of December 1877, properly payable into the Treasury.

I have also requested that your Bullion Fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Smith, Esq.

Care of L. D. Craig

No. 61 Montgomery St.

San Francisco.

June 4th. 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th ult. to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to me by that Officer, and, by me, sent to H. L. Dodge, Supt. with the following endorsement, viz:

"Respectfully referred to the Supt. of the Mint at San Francisco. I am of the opinion that if the statement of Mr. Smith is substantially true, Mr. Tripler should pay the debt, or leave the Mint Service."

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

V. C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

June 4th 1898.

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co. for delivery at your office, twenty thousand (20,000) ounces fine silver which you will please receive and pay for, at the rate of one hundred and seventeen and one quarter cents (\$1.17 1/4) per ounce fine in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. John Sherman

Secretary of the Treasury.

June 4th 1898.

Sir:

I have the honor to request, that you will cause the sum of Two Hundred and fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.) in Standard Silver Dollars, to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of James Pollock, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, on account of "Profits on Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars," and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. John ShermanJune 4th. 1878.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the sum of Thirty-nine Thousand Three Hundred and ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ dollars (\$9,300.¹²/₁₀₀) in gold coin to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in the name of James Crawford, Dept. Mint U. S. at Barren, Nev. on account of charges on deposits, and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by the transfer of the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Dept. MintJune 4th. 1878.San Francisco

Authority to close for Annual Settlement on fifteenth inst. has been sent by mail. It will be well for you to coin up as closely as practicable.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Dept. MintJune 4th. 1878.San Francisco.Please retain Mrs. L. H. Porter.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

J. B. Colgate & Co.June 4th. 1878.

47 Wall St. New York.

We will take the silver at one hundred seventeen and one quarter cents per ounce fine, payable in silver dollars.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

C. T. Christensen, Esq.

June 5th 1878.

Agency Nerv. B. K. San Francisco.

"62 Wall St. New York.

Sir:

Your favor of the 3rd inst. was received this morning. We made an offer shortly after my return from New York through the Superintendents of the Mints at Carson and San Francisco, and which was not accepted.

We have today made an offer direct to the Mercader Bank for 500,000 oz. deliverable at San Francisco Mint at 118½ cents per oz. and 500,000 ozs. deliverable at Carson Mint at 118¾ cents per ounce.

The San Francisco delivery to be paid for in Silver dollars at the Mint in that City.

The Carson delivery in Silver dollars by draft on New York.

We hope that this offer will prove satisfactory and be accepted.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.

June 5th 1878.

Assayer, &c.

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th ult. making application for a leave of absence of three weeks; your request is hereby granted.

You will please report to this Office the date which you may elect for said leave.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

R. E. Spinner, Esq.
 Walnut Ridge
 Ark.

June 5th 1898.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst. addressed to the Treasurer U. S. requesting to be informed of the value of Mexican and Canadian Silver coins, has been referred to this Officer.

Foreign coins are not legal tenders in the U. S. and therefore possess no nominal value as coin, but only an intrinsic or bullion value, which is dependent on the price of silver bullion.

At current quotations the bullion value of the silver in a Mexican dollar is about 92 $\frac{2}{3}$ gold, and of a Canadian 25 $\frac{1}{4}$ piece about 20 $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{2}{3}$ gold.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Telegram.

Louis McLane

June 5th 1898.

President, Nevada Bank
 San Francisco.

We will purchase five hundred thousand ounces fine silver at rate of one hundred eighteen and one half cents per ounce fine deliverable at San Francisco Mint payable in Standard Silver dollars at that Mint, and five hundred thousand ounces deliverable at Carson Mint at one hundred eighteen and three quarter cents per ounce fine payable in silver dollars by draft on New York.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 5th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 4th. inst. in relation to the contingent appropriation of your Mint for the current fiscal year, I enclose herewith a transcript of the account with that appropriation.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 5th 1878.Supt. Mint, Philad^a.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday enclosing Certificate of Deposit #4522 for \$150. gold, and #4521 for \$85. currency, on account of Profits of Medal Fund.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram, Supt. Mint

June 5th 1878.San Francisco.

You are authorized to accept offer of Anglo Californian Bank for sale of Dore and fine silver equivalent to two hundred thousand five ounces at one hundred eighteen and one half cents per ounce fine payable in standard silver dollars seller to pay parking charges.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

June 5th 1898.

Please consider Mrs. Sinters' case as a furlough without pay until resumption of operations after settlement.

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Confirmed.

T. C. Acton, Esq.

June 6th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York.

Sir:

If it would not greatly inconvenience your Office, I will be glad to have you forward your Bullion Accounts for the First Quarter of the present Calendar year by the 10th inst., so that they can be examined & placed in the hands of the Accounting Officers of the Department before the close of the present month.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.

June 6th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced for the sum of \$8000. in gold coin payable from the appropriation for "Packing & Refining Bullion".

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.

June 6th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$5062.⁰¹ from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	- - - 1878	\$2450.
Wages of Workmen	- - - "	1600.
Contingent Expenses	- - - "	1012. ⁰¹

It was necessary to reserve \$5.⁰⁰ of your Contingent Appropriation for paying for printing & engraving checks.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.

June 6th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th inst. transmitting report of Special test Assay of the coinage of the Mint at Philadelphia, during the month of May, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.

June 6th 1878.

Sup't. &c.

New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing a statement of silver purchases from May 3rd to 25th 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 6th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have examined your Bullion A/c for the first Quarter of the present calendar year and referred them to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment.

The overpayments in the bills of the Express Company for the transportation of Silver coin will of course be disallowed, but can be made good in your accounts for the present quarter.

I should have held your Accounts until the ones for the present quarter reached this Office in order that both might be stated at once and thus avoid any disallowance, but for the fact that the Accounting Officers are anxious to settle as many accounts as possible before the close of the current fiscal year the 30th inst.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 6th 1878.Supt. Mint. Phil^a.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for \$404 40/100 on % of Parting & Refining Bullion, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 6th 1878.Supt. Mint. Phil^a.

Sir:

Statements of minor coinage operations during the month of May ult.:

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Chief Auditor

June 6th 1898.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination & settlement the Bullion Acs of the Dept. of the Philadelphia Mint for the first quarter of the present calendar year.

It will be seen that the Dept. has paid the Adams Express Co. in excess of the contract rates for the transportation of Silver coin under a misapprehension of the terms of the contract.

Reclamation has been made by the Dept. upon the Express Co. for the amount charged in excess of their contract rates.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. Silver, Esq.

June 6th 1898.

Assayer in Chg Mint
Denver.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st inst. transmitting classified Statements of the business of your Office during the month of May 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. Silber, Esq.June 6th 1898.Assayer in Charge
Mint, Denver.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Ordinary Expense $\$$, for the month of May 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.June 6th 1898.Special Employee
U. S. Mint, Philad^a.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint (Philad^a) has been
instructed to test, after the completion of the Annual
Settlement, one or more of the best varieties of Anthracite
Schuylk Coal with a view to determine what
should be the ordinary average consumption of
coal in the respective departments of the Mint. I
desire that you will observe the test to see that
it is carefully and faithfully made.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.June 6th 1898.

Special Employee

Sir:

The consumption of coal in the Melters & Refiners dept.
latterly appears to have been too large. You are hereby
directed to investigate the character of the coal delivered
and consumed since 1st January last. You will also
inquire as to the character of the coal used in the
Coiners Dept. during the same period.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann. Director.

June 6th 1898. Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

June 6th 1898.

In view of the Silver procured yesterday and today you may continue operations as late in the month as you may deem practicable and make all the silver dollars you can.

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Confirmed.

June 6th 1898. Telegram.

Sup't. Mint
San Francisco.

June 6th 1898.

Offer of Bank of California accepted.

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Confirmed.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

June 7th 1898.

Sir:

I return herewith Gold Mint Receipt #4504, belonging to your Bullion A/c for the first Quarter of the present calendar year, with the request that you will furnish the necessary authority for Leong Wong to sign for such Cheongs.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Jas. Bradford, Esq.
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Carson, Nev.

June 7th 1898.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of Six Thousand Dollars for the manufacture of Standard Silver Dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 7th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday and in reply to so much of the same as refers to the plan you propose for procuring coal for the next six months and making a test of coal from different mines, I see no objection to it, but conforming to the usual custom in such matters, you should drop each of the parties, from whom you have invited bids, a note informing them of the day and hour at which you propose to open the sealed bids, that they may be present at the time, if they so desire. This will avoid all chance for misrepresentation on the part of any one.

The test of the coals to be tried, will embrace those named by you, and also the sugar loaf coal, of which I believe G. B. Newton & Co. are the Agents in your city.

The details of the trial should be supervised by the Coiner, as to the Coal used for steam purposes, and the Melter & Refiner as to coal used in his Dept. I think, also, that it will be necessary to place, temporarily, an additional man of approved character at the place where the coal is received from the Carts. This I deem very necessary, in order to avoid all chance for collusion or neglect of duty on the part of those who have heretofore had the receiving of the coal in charge. I know nothing against the latter persons, but desiring that this test shall be a thoroughly honest one, do not wish any room left ^{them} for any possible deception.

Before the trial is undertaken you will please have a conference with the Coiner and Melter of the Mint, read this letter to them, and impress upon

them the importance of the utmost care in carrying these instructions into effect.

The greatest difficulty, I suppose, will be to ascertain clearly, where the coal comes from, and I must enjoin upon you that you will take the greatest care and precaution in this respect.

After the trial shall have been concluded, you will please report the results to this Office.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

V. C. Acton, Esq.

June 7th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Messrs. Handy & Brown for delivery at your Office, one hundred and fifty thousand ounces fine silver, which you will please receive and pay for at the rate of one hundred seventeen and four tenths (117 $\frac{4}{10}$) cents per ounce fine in standard silver dollars. Pay such an approximate value as you may deem safe and proper.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

V. C. Acton, Esq.

June 7th 1878.

Supt. Assay Office. N. Y.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause your Bullion Fund to be increased five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. M. D. White

June 8th 1878.

Committee on Expenditures

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

Since my testimony was given and revised it has occurred to my mind that at one time since my last appointment a warm personal friend, Col. Hayward of San Francisco, voluntarily purchased and held for a time for me some shares of Mining Stock. It was purely an act of friendship on his part, and without any solicitation request or intimation on my part. I dislike to have his name and private business mentioned, but it is necessary to do so in order to make my testimony strictly correct.

The enclosed paper contains the words which should be added to my reply to the question "Have you since the date of your last appointment had any interest in Mining Stocks" and to which I answered "No Sir", and I will thank you to have the same incorporated in my testimony.

I would have addressed Chairman Glover instead of yourself, had I not observed in the proceedings of the H. R. that he is absent on account of sickness, and on account of which I do not desire to trouble him.

Very respectfully

Your Oth. St

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Question by the Chairman.

Have you had since your last appointment any interest in Mining Stocks?

Answer- No Sir.

I desire to add to the answer as follows:
"Except that Col. S. Hayward of San Francisco, purchased for me one or three years ago some shares of Mining Stock

but which did not result in any profit. Col. Hayward did this at his own instance, or in other words it was a voluntary act of friendship on his part. He has not been a seller of silver or of supplies of any kind to the Mint direct or indirect, nor have I ever transacted any Government business with him and he has never asked or received a favor at my hands. A warm friendship has existed between us for a number of years.

Telegram Handy & Bronide
24 Nassau St.

June 7th 1878.

New York City.

We will take the silver at the rate of one hundred seventeen and four tenths cents per ounce fines payable in standard silver dollars.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 7th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to be increased Five Hundred thousand (\$500,000) dollars, by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 7th 1878.

Sir:

It has been a custom since the establishment of the present form of Government, to strike after the election of a President of the United States, a Presidential Peace-Medal for presentation to friendly Indian Chiefs.

These medals bear upon the obverse, a profile of the President, - on the reverse emblems of peace, etc.

No arrangements for the striking of these medals under the present Presidency, have as yet so far as I am advised, been made.

I respectfully suggest that the attention of the Secretary of the Interior be called to the subject.

In this connection I may state that the Presidential Medals heretofore struck have, in my opinion, been too large and cumbersome, and if a new one is to be struck, it should be reduced in size, - particularly so as respects weight. I also think that the reverse of the medal could be materially improved, both in respect to devices and engraving.

We have already prepared a Presidential-medal die, on the obverse of which there is an excellent profile likeness of the President, and which could be reduced to the proper size for the Indian Medal, so that in fact we would only have a reverse die to prepare.

All of this work can be done at the Philadelphia Mint without interfering with its operations, and without charge. The only funds that would be necessary would be such an amount as might be required to pay for the silver contained in any medals which

may be struck at the request of the Secretary of the Interior.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director

A. R. Spofford, Esq.

June 7th 1878.

Librarian of Congress.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th inst. inquiring if the value of the Mexican dollar, as given in Treasury Circular of Jan. 1st 1878, exhibiting the value in U. S. money of the Monetary Units, and Standard Coins of Foreign Countries, is in gold, green-backs, or silver.

In the circular in question whenever the foreign monetary standard is silver, the comparison is made with the Trade dollar.

The United States, at the time this circular was issued, had no silver standard dollar, and the trade-dollar was therefore taken as the nearest approximation.

Foreign coins having no legal-tender in the U. S. the values as furnished by the circular have no reference to the value of the coins for circulation, but simply to convert into our money-terms for customs purposes, invoices of foreign merchandises that may be made out in foreign currencies.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director

G. B. Newton, Esq.

303 Walnut St.

Philad^a. Pa.

June 8th. 1878.

Sir:

I am making arrangements to have made, after the first premiums at the Mint in your City, a test of some of the best known varieties of Anthracite Steam Coal.

The Dept of the Mint names "coal from the Harleigh, Hazleton, Honey Brook or Council Ridge Mines", and to which I have added the Sugar Loaf mines, for which I believe you are the Agent in Philad^a.

Your long experience and familiarity with the coal from the various mines, will enable you to give me some reliable information in relation to the character of the coal from the first three mines named by the Superintendent, and I will be glad if you will give me the benefit of your knowledge upon the subject as early as may be convenient.

The Superintendent has advised for bids for supplies of these coals, to be opened at noon on the 15th inst. He has been instructed by this Office to notify the bidders so that they may be present, when the bids are opened, if they so desire.

My purpose in making this trial or test, is to ascertain as nearly as may be, what should be the average daily consumption of coal at the Mint, using only the best known steam coals.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

John H. Stivers, Esq.June 8th 1878.

Box 137. Baltimore. Md.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting to be informed of the number of pieces coined each year since 1793, has been referred to this Office.

I send you by current mail a copy of my Annual Report for 1877 on pp. 28-31 of which you will find the information requested. Prior to 1856 the respective amounts given are for calendar years, since that date for fiscal years.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Henry D. Cooke, Esq.June 8th 1878.

Washington. D. C.

Sir:

I transmit herewith Assayer's Report on sample of ore, assayed at your request.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Handy & BroniteJune 8th 1878.

24 Nassau St.

New York City.

Offer of fifty thousand ounces additional at one seventeen and four tenths cents per ounce fine in standard Silver dollars, accepted.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 5th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to our correspondence upon the subject of procuring the best variety of Steam Coal for the use of the Mint, and to your proposition to have the test made after the bids have been opened, and the contract awarded, I have to state that I should have preferred that the test should have preceded the inviting of bids. The difficulty will be to provide against any deception as it will be the interest of the contractor to send in the cheapest and presumably the poorest of the coals named in your letter inviting bids. Possibly you may be able to effectually guard the point indicated by requiring the several varieties of coals named, to be sent direct to the Mint by the appointed Agent of each mine.

After you shall have had time to look into the matter, and before the bids shall have been acted upon, you will please advise me of the plan under which you propose to make the test.

Let the matter be thoroughly considered and the test made under such arrangement and observation as will insure fairness and accuracy.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 5th 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philad^a.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 7th inst. transmitting statements of deposits and purchases and of Gold and Silver of domestic production for the month of May, 1878.

I have to call your attention to errors in footings of silver deposits and purchases in order that it may not be carried forward and appear in your Annual Statements.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

June 8th. 1898.

Dept. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

In the examination of your Bulletin⁹⁵ for the First Quarter of the present calendar year, I find the following entry which I will thank you to explain, viz:

Silver Coinage $\frac{1}{2}$ Dr. to Silver Profit Fund for the premium on the subsidiary coinage of the quarter (\$2653.⁷⁶) also for the premium on the Trade Dollar Coinage of the quarter (\$290,809.⁷⁷) - 293,463.⁵³.

Please let me have a full explanation of what is meant by premium on the Coinage, and also how these results are arrived at, at your earliest convenience, so that I can if possible, place your $\frac{1}{2}$ in the hands of the Accounting Officer for settlement before the close of the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.June 8th. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st ult. transmitting certificate of deposit for \$3.25 on 1/2 of sale of old material, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

J. C. Acton, Esq.June 8th. 1878.

Supt. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase of an additional 50,000 ounces of fine silver from Messrs. Handy & Bronise at 117 1/2 cents per ounce fine, payable in standard silver dollars.

You will please receive the same and make such approximate payment therefor as you may deem safe and expedient.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Messrs. Handy & BroniseJune 8th 1878.

#24 Nassau St. New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to state, that in determining on the price to be offered you for the lot of silver, the elements in the calculation to which you refer, were all duly considered, and the contract cannot be modified.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 10th, 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be prepared and transmitted to the U. S. Mint at Carson, the following dies for the standard silver dollar, viz:

Thirty (30) Obverse

" " Reverse.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.June 10th, 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Carson.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd inst. making requisition for sixty dies for the standard silver dollar, and have this day instructed the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia to cause the same to be prepared and transmitted to you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.June 10th, 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for settlement, your Bullion Yrs. for the first Quarter of the present calendar year.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

First AuditorJune 10th. 1878.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion Vcs of the Dept. of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, for the first Quarter of the present Calendar year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director

U. S. Assay, Etc.June 10th. 1878.

Dept. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Messrs. Lazard Freres, for delivery at your Office 10,000 ounces fine silver which you will please receive and pay for at the rate of 117 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce fine in Standard silver dollars.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Messrs. Lazard FreresJune 10th. 1878.

65 Pine St.

New York.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to sell and deliver at the Assay Office in your City 10,000 ounces fine silver at the rate of 117 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce fine in Standard Silver dollars, is accepted.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

June 11th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information the duplicate account and Bill of Lading of the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Rail Road Co. for two (2) barboys Sulphuric Acid, and six (6) barboys Nitric acid; also for twenty (20) casks copper recently shipped to your Mint. The account has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement; payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

June 17th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for settlement your Ordinary, Refinery and Silver Dollar Coinage Expenses for the month of April, 1878.

Your attention is directed to the fact that in the bill of the W. U. Telegraph Co. 640 of your Ordinary 4th, the number of words is not specified in several cases.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

A. J. Little, Esq.

Mt. Vernon

Lawrence, Co. Mo.

June 11th 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting to be furnished with papers containing certain information relative to coin and bullion, has been referred to this Office.

I send you by current mail copies of my reports for 1875 & 1877 containing all the information upon the subject at my disposal, and which I trust may answer your purpose.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. C. Scott, Esq.

St. Worth.

Texas.

June 11th 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. addressed to the Treasurer U. S. requesting to be furnished with a Statement showing the gold and silver coinage since 1800, has been referred to this Office.

I send you by current mail a copy of my Annual Report for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1877, on pp. 27-31 of which, you will find the desired information.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

First AuditorJune 11th. 1898.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery and Silver Dollar Coinage Expense A/cs., - Abstracts and Vouchers, - of the Sept. of the San Francisco Mint for the month of April, 1898.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jacob Baiz, Esq.June 11th. 1898.

Consul General of Guatemala,
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst. transmitting a coin of 4 Reals, for which please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.June 12th. 1898.

Lieut. v.

New York.

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Messrs. J. B. Holgate & Co. twenty-five thousand (25,000) ounces of fine silver, which you will please receive and pay for at the rate of one hundred and seventeen and four tenths cents per ounce payable in silver dollars.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Aguilla Randall, Esq.

Garrisonville

Stafford Co.

Va.

June 12th, 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst. addressed to the U. S. Treasurer relative to a silver dollar of the coinage of 1859, has been referred to this office.

I send you by current mail a copy of my Annual Report for 1877 on p.p. 28 of which you will find a statement showing the number of silver dollars coined since the organization of the Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 12th, 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery, & Silver Dollar Coinage Expense A/c's, for the month of April, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. James B. Colgate, & Co.June 12th, 1878.

47 Wall St.

New York City.

We will take the Silver at one seventeen and four tenths cents per ounce fines payable in silver dollars. Offer good for today, only.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

First AuditorJune 12th 1848.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Refining and Silver Dollar Coinage Expense of the Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, for the month of April, 1848.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Nathan Trotter & Co.June 12th 1848.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen;

I will thank you to furnish this Office with the price per pound at which you will furnish ten '10' tons best Schuylkill Zinc.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram

Supt. MintJune 12th 1848.San Francisco.

Accept Anglo Californian Bank's offer of fifty to seventy-five thousand ounces silver at rate of one eighteen and half cents per ounce fine, payable in silver dollars.

Seller to pay usual mint charges.

H. R. Linderman

Director

Confirmed.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

June 13th. 1898.

Sir:

Bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department for articles of Stationery shipped you during the month of May, 1898, amounting to \$72.²³, has been referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for settlement, - payable from your Contingent Appropriation for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

June 13th. 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th inst. transmitting classified Statements of operations at your Mint, during the month of May, 1898.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint.
Carson.

June 13th. 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing Statement of Silver purchased at your Mint during the week ending June 3rd. 1898.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Gas. Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Carson.

June 13th. 1898

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th inst. transmitting statement of Coiner's operations for May, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

June 13th. 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th inst. transmitting statements of Coiner's Gold and Silver Workings for the months of Aprilth & May, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York.

June 13th. 1898.

Sir:

We have purchased of Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co. 50,000 ounces fine silver for delivery at your Office. You will please receive and pay for the same at the rate of 117 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce fine in silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 13th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received a bill from the Stationery Division of the Treasury Dept. for articles of stationery furnished your Mint during the month of May, 1878, amounting to \$7.89.

I will thank you to deposit to the credit of your Contingent Appropriation for the current fiscal year, the above amount "\$7.89", and forward the Certificate to this Office, at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 13th 1878.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Philad^a.

Sir:

I send you by express today a silver nugget belonging to a poor woman, whose house was burned and the coin melted together.

I will thank you to return the value of the same in currency, to this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

G. R. Gibson,June 13th 1878.

Waterbury, Conn.

Five thousand pounds pure silver at latest quotation worth thirty-four thousand one hundred and sixty-five and eighty-three hundredths dollars in gold coin.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. James B. Colgate, & Co.
47 Wall St. New York.

June 13th 1878.

We will take fifty thousand ounces silver at one seventeen and four tenths cents per ounce fine payable in silver dollars. Offer good for today only.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Confirmed.

Major J. J. Dana
Quartermaster, U. S. A.
Philadelphia.

June 14th 1878.

Sir:

Meers, Natham Trotter & Co. of your city, have been requested to deliver to you for shipment to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, ten tons best Schuylkill Zinc.

I will thank you to receive and forward the same and cause the accounts for the expenses of transporting this Zinc to be submitted to this Office in the usual manner.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Gas. Lawrenceford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Leavenworth.

June 14th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 7th inst enclosing Certificate of Deposit #990 for $\$369 \frac{86}{100}$ coin, as earnings of the Refinery of your Mint for the month of May ult.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 14th. 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be prepared and transmitted to this Office a Life Saving Medal of the First Class (in gold.)

The following inscription will be engraved thereon, viz:

"To Ensign Lucien Young, U. S. N. For heroic conduct in saving life at the wreck of the U. S. S. Huron, Nov. 24th. 1877"

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 14th. 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadel^a

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for Settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Expenses &c. for the month of May, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

First AuditorJune 14th. 1878.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary, Refinery & Silver Dollar Coinage Expense &c. of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the month of May, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Messrs. Nathan Trotter & Co.

June 14th 1878.

No. 36, North Front St.
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen;

I have received yours of the 13th inst. You will please prepare for shipment to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, ten tons best Lehigh Pine, at eight and one half cents per pound ($8\frac{1}{2}$), and deliver the same to Major J. J. Dana, Quartermaster, U. S. A.

You will please forward your accounts in duplicate to this Office for settlement, together with Quartermaster's receipt.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.

June 14th 1878.

New York City.

Gentlemen;

Your letter of yesterday offering to sell 150,000 ounces fine silver at \$1.17⁶⁵ per ounce, payable in silver dollars, was duly received.

Your offer being above the equivalent of the London rate could not be accepted.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

June 14th 1878.

Sept. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir;

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to advance you the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars in gold coin from the appropriation for "Packing and Refining Bullion."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director

A. Wolters, Esq.

June 14. 1898.

Assayer in Charge,

Assay Office, Boise.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds for the month of June, 1898, has been approved for the sum of \$464.⁵⁰ from the following appropriations:

Salaries	1898	164. ⁵⁰
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Wages & Contingent	"	300.-
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Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

First Auditor.

June 15. 1898.

Treasury, Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the following accounts, viz:

Ordinary Expense $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Assayer in charge of the New Orleans Mint for the month of April, 1898.

Ordinary Expense $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Superintendent of the Carson Mint, for the month of April, 1898.

Ordinary Expense $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Assayer in charge of the Helena Assay Office for the month of April, 1898.

Ordinary Expense $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Assayer in charge of the Boise Assay Office for the month of April, 1898.

Ordinary Expense $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Assayer in charge of the Denver Mint for the months of April and May, 1898.

Warrant #22 of the Denver $\frac{1}{2}$ for April has been returned for the approval of the Assayer in charge.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director

Carl A. G. Adae, Esq.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

June 15th 1878.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 12th inst. in relation to the striking of a medal commemorative of the festival which inaugurated your new music hall.

For the obverse of a medal of the size you suggest, I would recommend a figure of Apollo - the god of music and song - and for the reverse, a floral wreath encircling the name of the recipient, and the words "Cincinnati Music Hall, inaugurated May, 1878, the date of the festival." A pair of dies for these medals would cost about \$50. and the medals struck therefrom say, \$1.50 each for silver, and say, 50¢ for copper-bronze. The law does not allow medal dies to be prepared at the Mint, but the medals can be struck there. There is a private Engraver in Philad^a, Mr. A. C. Taguet, who is an excellent artist and would no doubt engrave your dies at a reasonable rate and in fine styles. A letter addressed to him care of H. Froemmer 710 Market St. Philadelphia, will receive due attention.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

J. B. Hoolgate & Co.

47 Wall St. New York

June 15th 1878.

We will take the lot of silver at one pence and one quarter cents per oz. fine, payable in silver dollars. Offer good for today only.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.June 15th 1878.Assayer in Charge,
Assay Office, Helena.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense $\$$ for the month of April, 1878.

One or two of the bills comprised in the $\$$ were without your approval.

You will please be careful to see that your approval is upon all the bills which form your Vouchers, and thus prevent the delay incident to the return of any of them.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Jas. Crawford, Esq.June 15th 1878.Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for settlement, your Ordinary Expense $\$$, for the month of April, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

M. V. Bonanza, Esq.A. Wolters, Esq.Assayer in Charge
New Orleans Mint.Assayer in Charge
Assay Office
Boiler.

B. T. Chapman, Esq.
 Derby, Iowa.

June 15th 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst. addressed to the Treasurer of the United States inquiring "if pennies coined the last of '57 and first of '58 are worth a premium," has been referred to this Office.

The United States cents of the dates referred to are not worth more than their face value.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Army Office
 New York.

June 15th 1878.

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Messrs. J. W. Seligman & Co. for delivery at your office, 150,000 ounces fine silver which you will please receive and pay for at the rate of $117\frac{35}{100}$ cents per ounce fine in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. J. M. Glover,
 Chairman, Com. Expenditures
 Treasury Dept.

June 15th 1878.

Sir:

Herewith please find my answers to certain questions propounded to me at my last examination, yesterday.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Chas. Lowell, Esq.June 15th 1878.

68 Beacon St. Boston, Mass.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 13th inst. in reference to the selling of silver, and have to say, in reply, that owing to the mints being practically closed for the Annual Settlement, we are not, at present, in the market for the purchase of silver.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. Silber, Esq.June 15th 1878.Assayer in Charge
Mint, Denver.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper officers for settlement, your A/c of Ordinary Expenses for the months of April and May 1878.

I return herewith for your signature Warrant #22 of your Ordinary A/c for April.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Handy & KronidesJune 15th 1878.

24 Nassau St.

New York.

Am unable to give you any definite information as to the fate of the subsidiary coin Bill. We will give the exact equivalent of today's London quotation based on current rate of exchange for fifty or one hundred thousand ounces fine silver payable in silver dollars.

Confirmed.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

Telegram. J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York City.

June 15th 1878.

We will purchase the lot of silver at one pence and one quarter cents per ounce fine payable in silver dollars. Offer good for to-day only.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

Telegram. J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

June 15th 1878.

We will give the exact equivalent of today's London quotation based on current rate of exchange payable in Silver dollars.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

First Auditor
Treasury Dept.

June 17th 1878.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Refinery and Silver Dollar Coinage Expence $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month of May, 1878.

Warrant #13 of the silver Dollar $\frac{1}{2}$ has been returned for the signature of the Supt.

Your attention is respectfully directed to an apparent overpayment in Voucher #38 of the same $\frac{1}{2}$. Under date of April 17th is a dispatch of 44 words for which the sum of \$3.43 is charged. The charge for a message of 44 words should be \$3.⁰⁸.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Oriston

For Director.

First AuditorJune 17th. 1878.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Drayer in charge of the New Orleans Mint for the month of May, 1878.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

June 17th. 1878.

In consequence of the closing of your Mint for the Annual Settlement, you will discontinue silver purchases until further notice.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed

Director Mint.

Similar Telegram sent to

Sept. Mint

Carson, Nev. (Confirmed)Hon. Jas. PollockJune 17th. 1878.

Sept. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 15th inst. transmitting two Valley Forge Centennial Medals, (one in silver and one in bronze) and enclose herewith \$1.30 for the bores, the intrinsic value of the silver medal.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director

John H. Treadwell, Esq.
Watertown, N. Y.

June 17th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst. requesting to be furnished with a copy of the Act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar and to be informed of the fineness, weight &c. of the fractional coins.

I enclose herewith a copy of the above Act, and send you by current mail, a copy of my Report for 1876, on p.p. 44 of which you will find the information you ask for.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director

J. C. Acton, Esq.

June 17th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In consequence of the closing of your office for the Annual Settlement, you will discontinue silver purchases until further notice.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 17th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philad^a.

Sir:

In consequence of the closing of your mint for the Annual Settlement, you will discontinue silver purchases until further notice.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram

B. K. Jamison,

Banker,

Philad^a. Pa.June 17th. 1898.

Medals Valley Forge will
be ready for distribution at Mint your city tomorrow

H. R. Lindermann

Director Mint.

B. K. Jamison, Esq.

Banker,

Philad^a.June 17th. 1898.

Sir:

I am advised by the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia, that the Valley Forge Centennial Medals prepared for your Committee, will be ready for delivery by 2 o'clock P.M. tomorrow, the 18th inst.

They will be furnished to your Committee at about cost, 25¢ for the medal in bronze and \$1.50 in silver.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

M. J. Rozzano, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans.

June 17th. 1898.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$909.- from the following appropriations:

Salaries	1898	\$ 370.80
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Wages of Workmen	"	238.75
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Contingent Expenses	"	300.-
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Very respectfully

R. E. Oulton

Actg. Director

M. F. Bongans, Esq.

June 17th. 1878.

Assayer in Charge
New Orleans Mint.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for settlement your Ordinary Expense $\$$, for the month of May, 1878.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Actg Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

June 17th. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment your Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense $\$$ s. for the month of May, 1878.

Warrant #18 of the Silver Dollar $\$$ is returned herewith for your signature.

In voucher #38 of the same $\$$ under date of April 17th is a dispatch "to Linderman" 44 words #3.43. The charge for that number of words would be $\$$ 3.08.

In this bill the number of words is not given under the 18th, 26th and 27th of April.

I would again call your attention to the fact that it is necessary that the number of words of each message should be stated, otherwise it is impossible to tell whether the amounts charged are correct or not.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Telegram.

J. B. Colgate & Co.

47 Wall St.

New York.

June 17th. 1878.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Confirmed.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 18th. 1878.

Superintendent Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday enclosing the bids received by you for supplying the Mint with coal, under your invitation of the 3rd inst.

By the terms of your letter to different dealers, they are confined to bidding for coal from the Harley, Hazleton, Honeybrook or Council Ridge mines.

The lowest bid received by you appears to be that of Charles Fernberg, but as the same does not mention any one of the coals specified in your letter, it would appear that it will have to be ruled out and the contract awarded to Samuel W. Helt, - he being the lowest bidder under the terms of your letter inviting the bids. I should here add that I am informed that the Harleigh Colliery was exhausted and abandoned some months ago.

Under your letter of invitation, and the bid of Mr. Helt, he would have the right to deliver any one of the four different coals mentioned, and would probably select Honeybrook. The latter, although a first class coal, being somewhat inferior to the Hazleton coal.

It has been my desire, as you are aware,

to have a careful test made of a few of the best varieties of Anthracite coal, with a view to establishing the daily standard consumption necessary to run the Mink to its maximum capacity. But it is not my purpose to interfere with the details of business properly belonging to the Superintendent.

I therefore leave you to decide whether it is better to accept the bid of Samuel W. Hest, or reject all the bids and make a test of the coals referred to, and then invite bids for the approved varieties, or purchase the coal from time to time in the open market.

If you decide to accept the bid, you are instructed to exclude the Melter and Refiner's Dept.

It is very important that the Melter and Refiner should use none but the best variety of coal to be obtained, of which I would name Hazelton, Sugar Loaf, Council Ridge and Highland, and the coal which that Officer may require will be procured in the mode prescribed in "Instructions and Regulations" printed pamphlet, page 22 par. 3.

I am of the opinion that the coal used by the Melter and Refiner, should not only be the best coal for making heat, but that it should be handpicked, and free from all slate and other impurities and making the least percentage of ashes.

The coal from the Boiler Dept. should also be of the best known variety for creating steam, and leaving the smallest percentage of ashes.

In procuring coal for the Melter and Refiner's Dept. you need not necessarily be governed by the price paid for the coal used for steam purposes, in the Boiler Dept., as the handpicking would

(over)

probably render it a little more expensive.

After considering these suggestions you will decide as to the acceptance of the bid of Mr. Hess or the rejection of all the bids keeping yourself within the provisions of law, conforming as far as practicable to the usage of business, and be governed by the best interests of the Service.

The several bids are herewith returned.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 15th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

It is quite important that your Mint should have the means of quickly determining the weight of gold, and other supplies delivered by weight, and to that end you are hereby instructed to ascertain the cost of having a platform scales placed in position ready for use on the Meters Refiners side, also one on the Coiners side of the building. For the latter it will be necessary to procure the consent of the City authorities, as it would, I suppose have to occupy the pavement on Juniper St.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 16th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philad^a—

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th inst. transmitting Mint Memorandum of "Burnt Coin", forwarded to your Mint from this Office on the 13th inst.

The proceeds of the sale have also been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

L. A. Galligant, Esq.June 18th 1898.

Savannah, Ga.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a silver nugget of melted coin, and requesting the coin value of the same to be returned to you in behalf of the owner, Lydia Law, has been referred to this Office.

I transmit herewith Treasury Draft #103498 on the Asst. Treasurer at New York, for \$11.75⁰⁰, the value of the nugget, and memorandum of the Mint at Philad^a relative to the same.

Please acknowledge the receipt.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 18th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of James Crawford Asst. of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nev., the sum of seventy thousand (70,000.) dollars, in standard silver dollars on account of the Profits of the coinage of Standard Silver dollars, and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by the transfer of this amount.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

W. M. Johnson, & Co.
Hot Springs
Ark.

June 18th 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th inst. addressed to Asst. Treasurer U. S. Washington D. C. inquiring the relative value of Mexican dollars as compared with U. S. Dollars, has been referred to this office.

Mexican dollars have no legal tender in the United States, and therefore possess merely a value as bullion. As such they are worth, compared with U. S. dollars, about 92 cents per piece, at current quotation for silver bullion.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Chief AuditorJune 18th. 1898.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary and Refinery Expense Vcs of the Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the months of April and May, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman.

Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.June 18th. 1898.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for settlement your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Vcs for the months of April and May, 1898.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.June 18th. 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst. transmitting a statement of the movements of coin and bullion at the Port of San Francisco, for the month of May, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.June 18th 1898.Assayer in Chg. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th inst. transmitting classified statements of the business of your Office, for the month of May, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Similar letter addressed to

A. Wolters, Esq.Assayer in Chg. Assay Office
Boise City.Jas. Crawford, Esq.June 18th 1898.Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst., enclosing a statement of silver purchased at your Mint during the week ending June 8th inst.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.June 18th 1898.Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th inst. stating the approximate profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars to the 31st ult.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Leranford, Esq.
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Carson.

June 18th 1878.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in your name, the sum of seventy thousand 70,000. dollars on account of the Profits of the coinage of standard silver dollars, and that the Bullion Fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of this amount.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Jas. Leranford, Esq.
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Carson.

June 18th 1878.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to advance you the sum of 400. in gold coin payable from the appropriation for 'Parting' & Refining Bullion, requested in your letter of the 11th inst.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Jas. Leranford, Esq.
 Sup't. Mint, Carson.

June 18th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 7th inst. transmitting Statements of Meltor & Refiner's Gold & Silver workings for the month of May 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Lieut. U. S. Mint
 Carson, Nev.

June 18th. 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th inst., transmitting a Statement of the number of pieces struck by each pair of dies for the standard silver dollar, from the 17th of April to May 31st, 1878, inclusive.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Lieut. Mint, U. S.
 Philadelphia.

June 19th, 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday, enclosing Prof. Booth's communication in reference to the quality of coal used in the Melter & Refiner's Dept. This report more than confirmed the impression which I had formed, that the Mint was being supplied with an inferior quality of coal, but in which you assured me that I was mistaken. Without referring further to the matter at present, I have to repeat my instructions of yesterday with reference to procuring coal for the M. & R. Dept., and add to the same that the Melter & Refiner will procure his supply of coal direct from the regular agent of whatever mine or mines he may select subject to your approval.

The fact that the Melter & Refiner's operations have been impeded by the inferior coal supplied him, calls not only for censure but the adoption of such measures and precautions as will insure for the future, the use of the best coal to be procured in the market.

The test heretofore ordered will not apply to the Melter & Refiner's Dept. as the experience of that officer will readily enable him to select one of the best coals, nor need he confine his requisitions to any one kind of coal.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 19th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

Philadel^a.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th inst. in which it is stated that by the constant use of minor coins in the payment of certificates of deposits, your minor coinage assets, have decreased \$496.⁸⁷/₁₀₀ with a corresponding increase in Silver coinage assets, and asking this Office to authorize an adjustment of these two accounts, by having the Assistant Treasurer in your city instructed to exchange with you for the above sum in silver coin a like sum of U. S. Notes, I would state that this can be effected by your making an exchange of \$496.87 in silver coin for the same amount in currency belonging to the Ordinary, and Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts.

You could pay the silver coin out in change when making payments of expenses incurred on the above mentioned accounts.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Wm. WindomJune 20th 1878.Chairman Committee of
Appropriations, U. S. S.

Sir:

I understand that in some of the European Mints steel rolls of a much larger size than those used in our Mints have been recently introduced and that the use of the draw-bench and one or more annealings have thereby been dispensed with in the manufacture of silver coin. much economy is thereby secured.

This matter has received my attention and I think it would be better to have a competent person examine the heavy rolls and the practical results before introducing the same into our Mints.

I am of the opinion that an appropriation of one thousand dollars should be made to cover the expenses of an examination and procuring drawings, plans &c. of the large reduction rolls referred to. If this recommendation meets your approval please have the following put in the Sundry Civil Bill: "For examination of large steel rolls in connection with coinage, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, \$1000."

Very Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nev.

June 19th 1878.

We cannot pay by draft on New York. You must make payment at Carson.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Newton BoothJune 19th 1878.

U. S. S.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your note of current date, in which you request a copy of the Appendix or Supplemental Report made by the Commission to investigate the U. S. Mint at San Francisco.

No supplemental Report has been made by the Commission.

There was an appendix to the regular report and which was not printed. It consists of a large number of letters, statements, exhibits &c, but I do not understand you to refer to that but to some paper which you suppose to have been prepared subsequent to the date of the Commission's Report.

I learned a few weeks ago that a correspondence was in progress between Mr. W. L. Garratt & Messrs. Low & Dodge, in relation to some part of the Report which Mr. Garratt claimed did him injustice but have not been informed of the result.

The Appendix to the Commission's Report is open to your inspection or any one whom you may designate to examine it and copies of any papers, statements &c, therein contained which you may desire will be prepared for you. The appendix is too voluminous to admit of a copy being made in less than a week or ten days.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. St.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

C. M. Walker, Esq.
Indianapolis, Ind.

June 19th 1898.

Dear Sir:

I have your favor of the 17th inst. The bullion value in gold of the new silver dollar, silver bullion being 53 pence in the London market, is $89\frac{7\frac{1}{2}}{100}$ cents,

One half dollar $42\frac{2\frac{1}{2}}{100}$ "

5 ¢ (copper-nickel) $\frac{55}{100}$ "

These coins passing at their nominal value, it is fair to say, that their legal tender, the popular demand for them and requirements for payments, adds to their intrinsic value the difference between the latter and their nominal values respectively, that is, as to domestic circulation.

It should be stated that the 5 ¢ nickel coin is redeemable in U. S. Notes which alone would keep these coins at par.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

June 19th 1898.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing the following statements, has been received, viz:

- 1st. Approximate profits on Coinage of Silver Dollars to May 31st 1898.
- 2^d. Statement of condition of Bullion Fund May 31st 1898.
- 3^d. Statement of Bullion Fund and denominations of coins on hand May 31st 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.June 19th 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst. enclosing Statement of Silver Bullion purchased during the week ending June 1st 1878, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.June 19th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst. transmitting certificates of deposit for $\$5,815 \frac{53}{100}$ on U. S. of Parting and Refining Bullion, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint

June 19th 1878.San Francisco.

Senator Booth requests of me copy of appendix or Supplemental Report made by the Commission to investigate the Mint in your City. Have not seen any supplemental Report. Possibly you and Low have given Garratt some written Statement or explanation which may be the report referred to. Answer.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Carson, Nev.

June 19th 1898.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the shipment to your mint on the 18th inst. of thirty obverse and thirty reverse dies for the standard silver dollar.

Express receipt enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Lindermann
 Director.

G. C. Acton, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York.

June 19th 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 18th inst. transmitting classified statements of the business of your Office, for the month of May, 1898.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Lindermann
 Director.

Telegram. J. W. Seligman & Co.
 New York City.

June 19th 1898.

We are not purchasing silver at present.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

June 20th 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing a statement of silver purchased for the week ending the 1st inst. Very respectfully,

H. R. Lindermann, Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.June 20th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate Invoices of Meiers. Nathan Trotter & Co. and receipt of Major J. J. Dana, Quartermaster U. S. A. for 22,430 lbs. Schlegel Zinc delivered him for shipment to your Mint. The account of Meiers. Trotter & Co. has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, payment of the same to be made from the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion at your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.June 20th 1898.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate account of William J. Crawford for hauling Zinc shipped your Mint in April last by Major J. J. Dana, Quartermaster U. S. A. Philadelphia, the original having been referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, payment of \$125 to be made from the appropriation for "parting and refining bullion" at your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

San Francisco.

State approximately Silver dollar coinage of this month.

Continued.

H. R. Lindermann. Director

M. L. Dodge, Esq.June 30th, 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate account of the Pennsylvania R. R. Co. for freight on 22,370 lbs. Zinc from Philadelphia to Chicago, amounting to *85.01, the original having been referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for "parting & refining bullion" at your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Nathan Trotter, & Co.June 30th, 1878.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

Your account for 22,430 lbs. Schuylkill Zinc delivered Major. J. J. Dana, for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, and in due time a draft for the amount *1906 ⁵⁵/₁₀₀ will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Chief AuditorJune 30th, 1878.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion ^{Is} of the Supt. of the Carson Mint for the Quarter ended March 31st, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

First AuditorJune 20th 1878.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense of the Assayer in Charge of the Boise Assay Office for the month of May 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Dr. W. T. BonganoJune 20th 1878.

Assayer in Charge

Mint, New Orleans.

Please come here for consultation. If you come via Philadelphia will meet you there. Answer when we may expect you.

Examine before leaving your facilities for receiving, melting & assaying of Mexican dollars and care of resulting bullion.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Confirmed.

Jas. Crawford Esq.June 20th 1878.Supt. U. S. Mint
Canon.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting officers of the Dept. for settlement, your Bullion Accounts for the First Quarter of the present calendar year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. and W. Seligman & Co.June 20th 1878.

Bankers, New York City.

Gentlemen;

I have your letter of yesterday in which you request to be informed whether Trade Dollars will be furnished for deposits of fine silver.

In reply, I have to inform you that the Mint at Philadelphia will be engaged in making the Annual Settlement until the first week in July and that thereafter it will be required to run to its full capacity on the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, and therefore, deposits for returns in Trade Dollars cannot be received.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.June 20th 1878.

Assayer in Charge

Assay Office, Boise.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense *ac* for the month of May, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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9	Treas will send dollars to sub-treasuries; can sell in small amounts
10	HQ sends draft for \$100; wants coins ASAP for government officers; also send certified pieces
10	When will Western mint dies be ready
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24-25	Wants 100 pattern dollars (Barber); cannot do this
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27	Sending \$203 payment for dollars
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125	Wants Barber dollar patterns; not available
127	Returns \$10 currency; can only pay out silver dollars for gold
140	Strike gold life saving medal
140	Pollock report condition of dies, April 1
141	Linderman encloses \$6.10 to pay for 6 [goloid] pattern dollars
142	Silver dollars occupying considerable vault space; Dir wants transferred to Treasury
144	Ten pairs dollar dies sent next Monday; first group tended to sink; then follow-up 15 pairs dies
146	Philadelphia to push dollar coinage; Straub will give better hardening of dies
149	SF and Carson dies being forwarded Monday
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160-161	Morgan; dollar is improved of reverse; sinking of dies remains problem April 4
161-162	Parting and refining charge at NYAO
166	St Louis AO to ship coin boxes to Philadelphia mint
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172	Send one proof silver dollar to HQ
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180	20 pair dies, 12 collars shipped to western mints; send copy of special instructions to HQ for reference
181	Send HQ proof silver dollar
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184	Sec Treasury will not pay more than London price for silver
186-187	Excellent results from revised dollar dies; other revisions; rim too high; Carson mint crack
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193	Duplicate set of national medals ordered for State Department
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200	HQ response to monetary questions from Beardslee via Armstrong
205	Refer goloid dollar to International Monetary Conference
207	Send 30 silver dollars to HQ
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208-209	Straub report on rim width, etc.
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235	15 pairs dollar dies shipped to San Francisco; no overtime
236	Assay office in Gainesville, GA not necessary
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238-240	Claim of unfair bullion purchase treatment by Louis McLane (Nevada Bank of California)
241	Philadelphia Mint make half and quarter eagles
242-243	Philadelphia Mint do not charge if bars are ready to be cast into coinage ingots
243	Send 5 20-cent pieces to HQ
244	No overtime at Carson

247	15 pairs dollar dies shipped April 20
248-249	All mints making silver dollars; consider plan for Trade dollars and demand for gold coin
250	HQ wants import and export of precious metals from SF
251	Large breakage of dollar dies at San Francisco and Carson; is Hunter prepared; could send Charles Barber
252, 254, 261	Overtime at Philadelphia not needed; but might need some; modifying instructions
253	HQ proposes shipping Carson silver dollars to Mississippi Valley and South; no sub-treasury in Carson
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279	No change in silver dollar design; Trade dollars still available; H. P. Childs
280	No current vacancies at Mint
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321	15 pairs dollar dies sent to San Francisco May 3

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